

Teach-in addresses Afghanistan, Taliban

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

It may be hard, even unpopular, to teach tolerance and understanding in a time of war, but that's what Vista Community College did Oct. 5. The college's Teach-In-Speak Out: Building a Peace-Free Community event last Friday — two days before the start of American attacks on Afghanistan — drew more than 100 students and others to Vista's Annex building in Berkeley.

The daylong event included panel discussions on American policy in the Middle East, workshops on dealing with stress, a discussion on Islam, a talk about civil liberties and the possible military draft, organizing for peace information and a "literacy room" where participants were invited to "make your own anti-hate armband."

An afternoon panel discussion included Dr. Agha Saeed, a political science and cultural studies professor at UC Berkeley and Cal State Hayward who is the national chairman of the American Muslim Alliance, drew an overflow crowd. Saeed addressed the topic of Afghanistan and the Taliban.

Soviet-style communistic rule in Afghanistan and later American actions in the 1980s destabilized the country and created a culture of violence," he said. "Still there are the largest number of uncleared mines in that area," Saeed told the audience. "I have had occupation of 10 years — 1.5 million people killed. Ten million people made homeless, internally and externally, that's half your population. And what you are left with are people who are expelled or people with all the guns."

"You see civil war for 10 years — people killing and being killed," Saeed said, putting himself in the shoes of a young Afghan.

"You see a western world that



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VISTA STUDENT Minny Ng donned a peace wristband as she made a poster reading "Let Us Not Become the Monster in our Response to Sept. 11," at the school's Oct. 5 Teach-in.

does not care — that used you against the Soviets when it was convenient and then left. What we have then is we constructed a huge war machine — a system of violence and terror — and then we left it in place and came here, hoping that it will automatically correct itself and become a democratic regime," Saeed said about past U.S. policy with Afghanistan.

Speaking to the Taliban's rise to power, Saeed said that when the United States was arming and supporting the Afghan freedom fighters against the Soviets, the Taliban was just one of 15 groups. Each group, after the Soviets were expelled, competed for power and "every group had to say I am more Islamic than you are" to appeal to the populace, according to Saeed. "Because there was no other ideology of self-justification. There was no other ideology of selling yourself to the masses. There was no ideology to bring people together except in the name of religion."

"How do you tell people that you are more pious? How do you tell people that you are more Islamic? One way of doing that is that you start applying more and

more Islamic rules, even those which have been seen as historically anachronistic, which have been discontinued. You bring them back."

Joan Berezin, a history instructor at Vista and coordinator of last week's event, said Tuesday that after the American attacks on Afghanistan, the Teach-In became even more significant.

"It gave people, right before it happened, a way to think about the fact that it was going to happen," Berezin said. "People said they didn't feel as taken by surprise. They had a much better sense of where Afghanistan was and (learned) a lot more about it."

Saeed said the future occupation of Afghanistan by the United States "might become a fact."

"All the reasons of occupation are reasons of traditional colonial occupation," he said. "It brings us back to the same relationship between the occupier and occupied — of a parent and child — of master and servant. After the end of the Cold War we have not gone forward; we have gone backward."

Sustainable outlook

The council heard a presentation by Ceil Scandone of the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development and endorsed the organization's Draft Compact for a Sustainable Bay Area. The draft compact, developed over the past four years by the alliance, was described as "a tool to begin a regional conversation about how

the Bay Area can grow in a more sustainable manner."

"We are inviting comment and we're also inviting support," Scandone said. "What we are hoping to gain from this is support from elected officials throughout the region as well as private sector leaders."

"This process is intended to put forward a vision. It's intended to look at a very wide range of issues that challenge the sustainability of our region."

The draft compact listed 10 "commitments to action" that include sufficient housing affordable to all income levels, transportation investment "to achieve a world-class comprehensive, integrated and balanced" system, focused investment to preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, promotion of healthy and safe communities, and local government fiscal reforms and revenue sharing.

The draft compact has been posted on the Bay Area Alliance Web site at www.BayAreaAlliance.org.

Teens Read Week

Next week, Oct. 14-20, has been proclaimed Teen Read Week in the city. The city procla-

mation, approved by the council last week, states that "the ability to read and process information is a basic survival skill in our global information society."

"The most effective way to improve reading skills is to read regularly and often," the proclamation notes. "Too few teens think reading is a valuable tool for enjoyment and relaxation as well as for schoolwork," it adds. "Regular daily reading for the fun of it creates the reading habit for life."

Linda Waldroup, acting branch librarian at the El Cerrito Library, said Teen Read Week is part of national literacy campaign aimed at teens and others and has been celebrated during the third week in October every year since 1998.

"This year the theme is Make Reading a Hobbit," Waldroup said. "It celebrates the popularity of fantasy literature with teens. 'The Hobbit' has been voted one of the most popular books in the last two Teen Read Week reading surveys," she added. "Many of the teen readers get caught up in the Middle Earth, in the world of 'The Hobbit,' of the Rings' trilogy, an epic tale of a perilous quest to save humanity."

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Opinion

EDITORIAL

They are all one, now

AND SO IT BEGINS. The East Bay has been through this before. During World War II and the Korean War, millions of soldiers boarded ships in Bay Area destined for Guadalcanal, Leyte, Luzon, Australia, Iwo Jima, Inchon, Seoul and the Demilitarized Zone.

Many of those soldiers who came through here or received their discharge papers here stuck around. Their descendants are among us today. They were Italian, English, Filipino, Irish, Mexican, African and from every continent in the world.

They were working class, farmers, carpenters, high-school graduates and a few so-called well-to-do. The one thing they had in common was that they were all American.

They left behind families, loved ones, children and all they held dear because they believed in this country and the values espoused by its men and women who founded this country.

The people who founded the first European communities on the Eastern Seaboard came to this country fleeing the religious persecution and social inequities of the Old World.

Many seeking riches and those wanting to save the souls of this country's native inhabitants brought their prejudices and biases with them.

Some people came to these shores unwillingly as indentured servants and as slaves. The indigenous people who lost their lands to the hordes of immigrants found themselves on reservations, usually the harshest or least-landed land.

America certainly had enough reasons to fight among ourselves. And we did. And in many ways, we still do.

Most area schools are shabby, not chic

If you're in charge of school-age children, I'll bet there's a notation on your calendar that says "back-to-school night."

You probably went, or will go. And you should. It's very interesting to put yourself back in a situation where life is ruled by the bell, even if it's just for an evening.

You meet in the multipurpose room or gym and get the introductory talk, then go off to the same classroom where your child spends so many hours of the day.

It's enlightening to see what teachers expect of our kids in terms of class assignments and homework.

It's amazing to see the difficulty of some of the subjects the kids are studying (I didn't remember math being that hard).

If you've almost forgotten what it's like to be a kid, back-to-school night might come as culture shock.

If you haven't visited the school much, and it's not one of the brand-new ones, you'll probably get a bigger shock when you see what disrepair haunts the place.

Ceilings tiles are missing, floors are worn, drinking fountains are broken. Landscaping and other improvements, if there are any, often exist only because of the work of fiercely dedicated parents and teachers who have spent their own time and money.

The other thing that hit me this year were the posted lists telling students how to behave. I wasn't taking notes that night, but most of them went something like: "Come to class on time. Don't

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Dismaying recall

I am dismayed and angered to learn that a recall drive has begun against two Albany Unified School Board members.

Many of us are working hard to reopen the lines of communication between the board, the teachers, staff, community and students. We are slowly rebuilding mutual trust and respect, and frankly, we need this like a hole in the head.

Thanks to this recall, we now face the likelihood of several more months of personal attacks and focusing on past complaints instead of future progress. The whole thing is terribly negative, and precisely not what we need. And besides that, the Albany Unified School District would be charged for the cost of the election! Is that really how we want our precious resources to be spent?

Marsha Skinner and Bill Cain have integrity and they care deeply about the students and Albany schools. They work hard. They did the best they could in an incredibly difficult situation.

They are very knowledgeable about our schools and community, with a long history of community service and activity. Personal attacks against them are simply flat out wrong, they didn't help last year and they certainly won't help this year.

If I am asked to sign the petition, I will certainly decline, and I hope everyone else does the same. It would be marvelous if the people doing the recall would reconsider their actions and halt the campaign.

Let's move forward, not backward.

Jim Lindsay
Albany

Lindsay is a newly appointed school board member.

Commitment for peace

The Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists and the board, meeting in solemn service on the Sunday after the suicidal attacks of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, made a renewed commitment to seek the spiritual strength to live and work for peace, justice, and equality for all.

We pledge to oppose all acts of terrorism committed by individuals and by groups and by governments and to work for social justice by communicating with our elected officials to urge them to uphold the principles of peace, the U.S. Constitution, and the U.N. charter.

We commit to work to overcome prejudices that can only lead to acts of intolerance and violence and to reach out to people in the Arab American and Muslim communities who are being mindlessly attacked.

We commit to offer information on conscientious objector status and solace to young men and women who joined the Armed Forces in order to live constructive lives and who now find they are unwilling to continue in the services, having discovered they really cannot commit acts of violence against other human beings.

We pledge to do our part for peace

within ourselves, toward one another, and toward our neighbors and fellow creatures on this planet.

Margo Shafer
Berkeley

Shafer submitted this letter on behalf of the congregation.

Voting yes on C

Larry Murdo, Albany's police chief, is going to run again. But his change of mind based on his personal finances doesn't change my mind.

I will still vote yes on Measure C. I want our next police chief to be appointed through an open and careful process rather than through a personality contest.

The primary reason for my "yes" vote has nothing to do with Murdo and what kind of police chief he has been. It has everything to do with good public policy.

An appointed chief is selected from well-qualified and screened candidates and is accountable, at least monthly, to the public through City Council meetings. An appointed chief is qualified, based on the changing needs of our community, not on an elected personality.

I want our next police chief to make our small town the safest and best-prepared for disaster in Alameda County. By voting yes on Measure C, I am not voting against Murdo, I am voting for him to apply for the position.

Carol Voisin
Albany

Bad traffic flow

Here is another letter of concern about traffic flow at El Cerrito Plaza.

At the intersection by Longs Drugs, there is a potentially dangerous situation. Cars going west toward San Pablo Avenue, from Ross and Bed, Bath and Beyond, have no stop or yield signs at Longs. Cars facing north at Longs have a stop sign, but if they want to turn left, to San Pablo Avenue, they have a hard time getting through.

Who designed the traffic flow here? And why are there no more sidewalks for pedestrians?

Minnie Favre
El Cerrito

Words about our flag

Once young people were inspired by the American flag. In the early 1960s, the flag symbolized heroics in World War II, the righteous fight by federal authorities against racism in the South, and a military we believed would wage only the good wars.

Then our world went mad. As the nation was torn apart by Vietnam, the flag soon became just to one side in the debate. It was stolen from the rest of us, who were as patriotic as anyone else and just as committed to what we thought the country should stand for. The flag was cheapened by jingoism and partisanship.

Now, during our country's time of terrible pain, the flag may soon be used not

to unite and heal us as it has in recent days, but to divide us.

There will be a debate about our response to Sept. 11, and one side will very deliberately drape itself in the flag. It will become the badge of those politicians pushing for the fiercest response.

The war-drum graphics of the news media will be packed with proudly waving flags. The flag will again be nothing more than a challenge: "Which side are you on?"

James Day
Berkeley

Consider peace

Our country has lost its moral leadership. I recently finished reading one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1966 essays on nonviolence, written at a time some minorities were convinced violence was the answer to their struggles. Now, 45 years later, I find myself wishing King were still alive, speaking with his powerful, wise, compassionate voice, directing us to a path of nonviolence and understanding.

King's strength and perseverance in the face of hatred should serve as a model to us now. Sadly, our current leaders are out for blood. Rep. Barbara Lee's courageous lone vote stands beside 420 votes for violence. The people we elected mistakenly believe war is the only answer to our tragedy.

We need to take the time to further grieve, to consider what factors may have led to the attack against our country, and to debate our future actions within and outside of our country. We are rushing into war, into more violence and causing hatred against Arab-Americans within our borders.

I pray our leaders take time to reflect and to address us with wisdom rather than fear. We need to consider peace as a moral alternative to war.

Tatian Greenleaf
El Cerrito

Vote on issue, not person

I have just read the article "Police chief reverses field" (Journal, Sept. 28). The decision to put the issue of elected versus appointed police chief on the ballot was never about Police Chief Larry Murdo. The issue was always, about having a police department that, like our exemplary fire department, is an integral part of the city. Are you aware some citizens feel intimidated if they oppose the wishes of the police department? They feel department members will not be as helpful to them if they are identified as not supporting the candidate running for office.

Does anyone ever worry about the fire department not coming quickly or giving less service? No! The reason is clear. The fire department is not beholden to politics. Its services do not rely on a perception of an elected chief's good will. The time to make this change is now. It is long overdue. Vote YES on Measure C.

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Albany

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

When you think globally, think critically as well

I asked Antonia Juhasz, project director for the International Forum on Globalization, to give me a quick quote on what her organization does.

"What the anti-globalization movement has done is to shine a light on processes that were formerly conducted in secret but had enormous impact on the most fundamental decisions in our lives," she said.

The IFG is not the only organization to have recognized this. I think this quote from a report by the CIA, "Global Trends 2015," is very important:

"The rising tide of the global economy will create many economic winners, but it will not lift all boats. (It) will spawn conflicts at home and abroad, ensuring an even wider gap between regional winners and losers than exists today. (Globalization's) evolution will be rocky, marked by chronic financial volatility and a widening economic divide. Regions, countries, and groups feeling left behind will face deepening economic stagnation, political instability, and cultural alienation. They will foster political, ethnic, ideological, and religious extremism, along with the violence that often accompanies it."

And then there was Benjamin Franklin, who said, "Those who

CLARA-RAE GENSER Community Folk

are willing to forfeit liberty for security will have neither."

The International Forum on Globalization, based in San Francisco, represents more than 60 organizations in 25 countries. An alliance of 60 leading activists, scholars, economists, researchers and writers, the IFG was formed to respond to economic globalization by stimulating new thinking, joint activity and public education.

The associates share a concern that the world's corporate and political leadership is "undertaking a restructuring of global politics and economics that may prove as historically significant as any event since the Industrial Revolution."

All this is by way of starting to explain the many anti-globalization demonstrations in recent years, and the work of Antonia Juhasz. She will speak to the League of Women Voters, and to St. John's Social Concerns Board, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the St. John's Community Center, 6500 Gladys Avenue at Lexington, in El Cerrito.

Her subject will be globalization and the terrorist attacks, including the Free Trade Area of

the Americas (FTAA) and other relevant trade agreements, which has been the focus of her current work.

Antonia coordinates the activities of the IFG worldwide with the goal of bringing sunshine to the globalization process, while changing that process to reflect the needs of democracy, human welfare, local economies and the natural world. She also works with concerned citizens in the United States to increase awareness and activism against corporate globalization.

"What I am opposed to is not what could happen," she says, "but is what is happening — policies and institutions designed to concentrate wealth and power at the top, and keep governments from operating in a way that assure social, political and economic democracy."

Global inequities has dramatically increased, she says. "They intensify the inability of communities to be able to make the decisions that most fundamentally impact their day-to-day life. More and more governments are being told, you can't regulate, can't provide social services to protect the environment. And because governments are not performing that function, the result has been a lack of regulations, resulting in more wealth

and power at the top, and thus the inequalities."

Before joining the IFG, Antonia was the director of international trade and forest programs at the American Lands Alliance in Washington, D.C.; worked on the Seattle ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organization and the Washington, D.C. meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and was one of the key organizers of activist events during those two protests.

She holds a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University and an undergraduate degree in public policy from Brown University. She has written and spoken extensively on international trade and finance issues, and has testified at government hearings. She has been published and quoted often and has appeared on radio and television.

For more information on Antonia Juhasz's talk or the meeting, call Joan Bartulovich at 510-232-1136.

Please do give me your input: interesting people, events, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is cggenser@aol.com.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein
CORRESPONDENT

Albany PTA Council

Oct. 15, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Oct. 16, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room TBA. Oct. 17, College Night, 7:30 p.m., AHS Little Theater. Oct. 24, Financial Aid Night, 7:30 p.m., AHS Little Theater. SCRIP Orders: Call Edna Shipley at 527-0745 or e-mail Edna at Ednamming@aol.com.

MacGregor High School

Oct. 18, Back to School Night, 7 p.m., Albany Middle School. Oct. 16, sixth grade family potluck, 6-8 p.m., AMS Courtyard. **Volunteers Needed**: Call Barbara Cooper at 524-3195 or Sheryl Black at 525-2943. Oct. 17, seventh grade family potluck, 6-8 p.m., AMS Courtyard. Oct. 25, eighth grade family potluck, 6-8 p.m., AMS Courtyard.

Cornell Elementary

Oct. 17, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room. SCRIP Orders: Call Mark Priven 528-2082 or e-mail Mark at privwest@pacbell.net

Marin Elementary

Interested parents may receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Tree Stuber at marintree@aol.com. Oct. 18, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Staff Room.

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Oct. 23, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

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Oct. 19, Staff Development, NO SCHOOL

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EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

By Linda Takimoto
CORRESPONDENT

Bayside PTA Council

First membership dues payments should be sent now to Michele Jawad, Bayside Membership Chair, 7717 El Cerrito Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Annual Reports, current approved budgets, tax and workman's comp forms should be forwarded to Melita Agabakaka, Bayside Treasurer, 7628 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito, 94530.

Adams Middle School

Oct. 22, Picture Day for students. Students must bring a completed order form with payment included.

Oct. 22, GATE parent meeting, 6 p.m.; English Language Learners Advisory Committee parent meeting, 7 p.m.

El Cerrito High

*Oct. 18, Music Parents Meeting, 7:30 p.m., ECHS Band Room. Parents of students in band, orchestra, and choir are encouraged to attend.

*Oct. 25, Dance Production, "Second Time Around," 8 p.m., ECHS Little Theater. Admission at the door.

*Oct. 30, Halloween Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 19, Parent Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

p.m., Cafeteria, with concert and symphonic bands. Admission: \$5/adults, \$2.50/children or bring baked goods for bake sale and get in free!

Harding Elementary

Oct. 20, Fall Carnival with a Halloween twist — from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Game booths, entertainment, face painting, arts and crafts, BBQ, pumpkin patch and Haunted House. Open to the whole community.

Portola Middle School

Oct. 17 and Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Portola library — An opportunity to share ideas and thoughts with other parents and students in a safe atmosphere and talk frankly about "stuff". Topics may include drugs and alcohol, music, piercings, sexuality, green hair and anything else.

Oct. 19, Parent Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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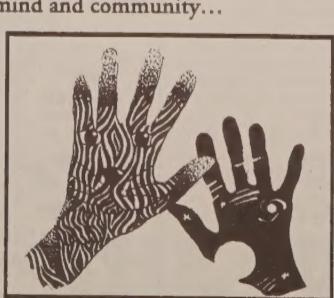
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Roger Carlson, head of the Albany Track and Field Boosters said that a surface such as the one at Cougar Field causes shin splints and general wear-and-tear of joints — track spikes that cannot penetrate the clay surface lead to shin splints. Carlson said an ideal track needs to be soft enough for a spike to penetrate yet firm enough so that it doesn't kick up dirt.

Over the past several years, the track has been maintained "once or twice a year" according to Carlson, who said that if the district is going to make the commitment to put a new surface down, it will also have to commit to more maintenance.

"I think what we need to do is look at what it's going to take

to keep this track in shape," said Councilman Bill Cain.

Currently, the district has a "homemade" trailer device that uproots the surface during maintenance, and Carlson said it works adequately. The district maintenance department has made efforts over the past year to aerate the surface, but due to constant weathering, the clay has turned to rock, not permitting the equipment to penetrate the surface.

No date is set for renovation but the board agreed that work

needs to be done before the rain season at Carlson's request.

"Once it's a mud bog, then we're stuck," Carlson said. "But this isn't a three-week project, this is a three-day project. But we need to do this before the rain."

The board discussed keeping outside uses that contribute to the hard-packing of the surface, off the track. An example would be the cars and trucks used for this year's homecoming parade, or busses that transport students for high school football games.

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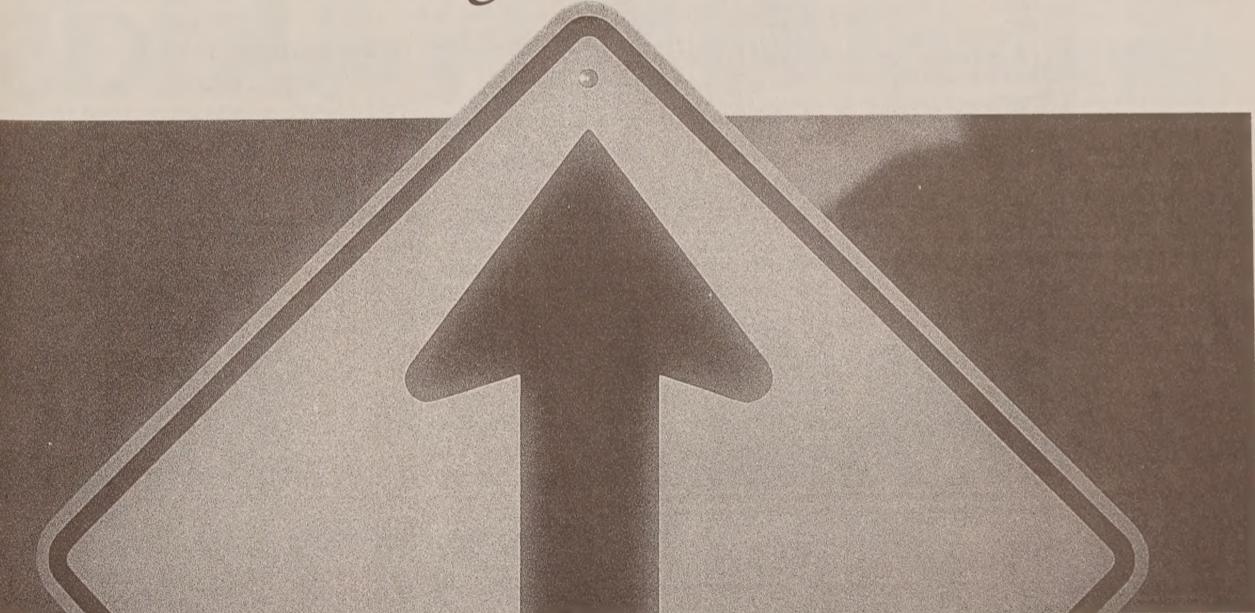
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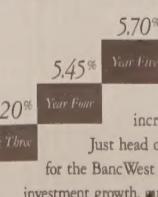


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Firefighters pass helmet for disaster relief

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Over the past two weekends, firefighters from the El Cerrito and Richmond departments have raised about \$35,000 for the families of firefighters killed in the World Trade Center attacks and rescue efforts.

Off-duty firefighters collected donations outside the Home Depot and Target stores in El Cerrito and the Costco store in Richmond, said John Kelleher,

president of the El Cerrito Professional Fire Fighters Association.

"There are a lot of families that don't have their father and their main support system," said Carol Aloth of San Pablo, a Home Depot employee who made a donation last Saturday. Aloth said she made the donation specifically because the money will go to the widows and orphans of the lost firefighters.

"It's a sad thing," said Eric

Parrish of Richmond, who stopped to make a donation. "I'm trying to do what I can."

Kelleher said the fund-raising effort was started by Mike Cassidy of the ECFD and Rod Woods of the RFD. "Then we all joined in," he said.

Kelleher said the local firefighters hope to personally present the check to firefighters of the Fire Department New York at a ceremony in New York City.

Eggs

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ing kids one night last week. "Last year you couldn't turn around without running into another carload of teens on the warpath."

On the Albany High School campus, usually a focus of vandalism and hazing during homecoming, there was a "dramatic decrease" in incidents, assistant principal Randall Booker said. He said he only had to suspend a couple of students who brought eggs to school this year. Usually, he said, the suspensions are triple that amount.

Now was there a significant run on eggs at the Safeway supermarket on Solano Avenue, the manager there said. This is not surprising, however, since the manager said he and the staff made the judgment call some years ago not to sell eggs to kids during homecoming week in Albany.

The drop in egg-related vandalism may be due to some measures the school administration has taken in the last couple of years to crack down on egg throwing, police said.

For one, the homecoming parade floats, which the classes formerly built at private homes, now are created on campus during

school hours.

The school also canceled all night-time games after Booker was hit in the back with a frozen egg at a Powder Puff match two years ago.

School Resource Officer Mike

Ayers said that while he thinks this year was not substantially better than years before, the school's crack-down measures will probably prove effective over time.

"Within the next five years, I think we'll see it a lot less," he said. If not, Ayers added, then "homecoming is something we might have to re-look at as a yearly activity."

The tradition of egg-throwing started some 30 years ago when seniors used to sleep over at Memorial Park on homecoming night, Ayers said. The juniors would run through the park to catch the seniors unawares and play pranks on them.

"Then eggs got involved," said Ayers, who himself attended Albany High School for a year. "But they had fun and it stayed in the park."

The sleep-over was discontinued years ago, he said, but the eggs continued. Now teens rove around all week, pelting houses, cars or each other with as many eggs as they can hold.

"What happened over the course of time is that the spirit has

changed," Ayers said. "It has become more mean-spirited, more vicious." Even though incidents are down, Booker said he may have to change the homecoming celebration in order to eliminate the rivalry between the grades.

"You have nearly 95 percent of students that can handle the idea of class competition," he said. "And then you have the 5 to 10 percent, the knuckleheads, that can't."

It's those knuckleheads, he said, that ruin it for the rest. Meanwhile, Officer Lerrick spent a good deal of his shift last week employing a more direct method of egg control — crushing cartons of confiscated eggs under his boot heel as he counseled teens about the risks involved in throwing them.

"Last year, I took one kid to the hospital and one to jail," Lerrick told three students he found sitting at a bench at Memorial Park the night last week.

After Lerrick described the eye wound one student suffered, each teen admitted to carrying a half-dozen carton of eggs in his sweatshirt pocket and dropped them at Lerrick's suggestion, in a nearby trash bin. Lerrick then took out his club and cracked each one.

might take until winter break to find time for the construction.

"It's not something that we'll be able to do overnight," he said.

Head architect Ali Samgiss of Deems, Lewis and McKinley in San Francisco said that it isn't all that bad.

"It shouldn't take more than a week; it's a fairly easy thing to

do," said Samgiss. Samgiss admitted that the building plan didn't have the vestibule doorways measured out to the specific width.

There is no time limit on the temporary permit, Wallace said, so all students and staff will have access to the entire building until further notice.

Elevator

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because of an operation, has been conducting class in the library.

Additional construction will be done if the school isn't issued a permit, Wallace said, though it

under way this year needs to continue, they say.

And all four candidates say they're open to restoring the city's redevelopment agency, which has been dormant for the past few years to pay back a debt to the city, as long as it's used wisely.

For example, redevelopment could be used to help fund civic projects and not just business, Friedman said.

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Candidates

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lent momentum from recent projects and need to capitalize on them to further expand the city's economic base," Brusatori said.

She favors building clusters of office and retail space near or around the city's two BART stations.

Friedman agrees, saying the city needs sustainable development, or development that will grow with rather than overwhelm the city such as infill projects on existing vacant lots.

Wise said the city's general plan, a general blueprint for future development, should be more specific, spelling out what can or can't be built in different neighborhoods. This will make the permitting process for new businesses easier, he said.

Moore said attracting new businesses is one thing, but the city also needs to market what it has. "People don't know what's here and unless we have attractive street fronts and good PR," she said.

The candidates all agree the city needs a new civic center or city hall, and should start exploring ways to fund it. The city's aggressive road-improvement program

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In the information age, spirit meaning still has staying power

By Tom Lochner

TIMES STAFF WRITER

KENNINGTON — Robert Bellah likes to quote an ad that in the New Yorker magazine last year:

"Fact: most everything you learn today will be obsolete in 12 months."

Information is indeed transient, says Bellah, professor emeritus of sociology at Cal and author of "The Common Good" and "Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in America" and next-day follow-up seminar.

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who use it as a substantive meaningful relationship notion of cyber-communities fallacious," Bellah said. "A room is not a community would call it a pseudinity."

"In a chat room, or a work kind of relationship, unless you have a relationship outside the Web — to go with my children by e-mail, when you think it isn't there anymore, you'll be lost. It's not community. Not relationship is to be there. There's no obligation."

Bellah knows of no term studies of the possible effects of too much surfing. But when such eventually come out, he predict that we're going to find that heavy abusers have same kind of profile as TV users — depression, withdrawal. "Getting the Web for hours to see what's out there, that's good for you."

LECTURE/SEMINAR

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community with shared practices, it won't last."

"People looking for religious meaning on the Web aren't going to find it," Bellah said.

"You can learn about religion (on the Web) — that's information," Bellah said. But if you want to become, say, a Muslim, "go to a mosque, not onto a Web site. You need to go to a community of people who practice it. That's how meaning is conveyed — not by pieces of information but by a way of living together."

If one partner asks, "Do you love me?" the other likely won't answer, "Why do you ask me that? I told you yesterday," Bellah said.

"The point," Bellah continued, "is, it's not about information. It's about a total relationship that's ongoing."

Another example is the Lord's Prayer, recited every Sunday in Christian services.

"It's not to convey information; it's about reaffirming a lasting relationship," Bellah said.

Information and meaning are commonly confused, Bellah said. He cited, for example, "spirituality junkies who go from one guru to another," or those who look for the right book, the right tape, the right Web site.

"Spiritual information is what they're after," Bellah said, "but unless it leads them into a

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Section B

Weekly Home Sales Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B4]

Open Home Guide See what's on sale in your neighborhood [B13]

Contemporary home offers you serenity, luxury, style

COLDWELL BANKER
A feeling of luxury and style is yours in this contemporary new home, designed by Richard L. Lewis. The home is built with exceptional attention to detail. A large foyer with cherry wood doors welcomes any visitor. The wide staircase with granite treads leads elegantly to the foyer. The main level with a "great room" dining room and kitchen is encompassed in an open floor plan for those who like to cook and entertain at the same time. The kitchen has island eating for two cooks. High ceilings and soaring windows heighten the feeling of space. Sun light pours in through well-placed windows. Windows that also exploit the postcard rich green canyon views.

And you can even enjoy a bit of a view of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Luxuriate in the splendor of this private world. Retire to the sumptuous master bedroom suite. May we draw your bath? Pamper yourself in this well-appointed bath. Or perhaps you'll prefer the magnificently sized marble splash-proof shower.

Serenity is the mood of this four-bedroom, three-bath home. While tucked away off Claremont Ave, behind the Claremont Hotel, it is nevertheless close to the hub of Claremont and Ashby avenues and has easy access to Claremont Canyon, The Club at the Claremont Hotel, Rockridge shops and BART.

The home will be open this Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

For more information about this home, offered at \$1,200,000, contact Joan Alford of Coldwell Banker at 510-339-4700.



PHOTOS BY COLDWELL BANKER

1039 RISPIN DRIVE, OAKLAND

\$1,200,000

THE MAIN LEVEL WITH "GREAT ROOM," DINING ROOM AND KITCHEN is encompassed in an open floor plan for those who like to cook and entertain at the same time. The kitchen, left, has island eating for impromptu meals or buffet service. The island has a gorgeous one piece granite counter top and a wet sink, which gives double duty for two cooks.



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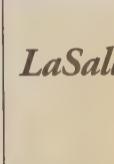
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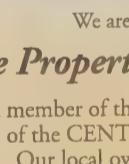
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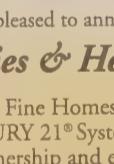
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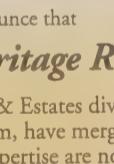
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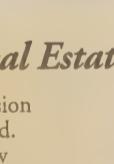
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Templeton Leverette Co at Christie's conference

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Marlene Leverette of Templeton Leverette Co. met with other Christie's Great Estates real estate professionals from around the world at the annual conference at the Four Season's Hotel in London from Sept. 9 to 12.

Templeton Leverette Co. is an exclusive affiliate of Christie's Great Estates, the largest international network of independent real estate brokers specializing in the sale of distinctive properties. Christie's Great Estates is a wholly owned subsidiary of Christie's, the world's oldest fine arts auction house.

Discussions focused on trends and developments in the real estate market, including home values, inventory and forecasts for the future.

"The conference provides a great opportunity to keep abreast of changes in the business, network and share ideas for future strategy," said Leverette.



MARLENE LEVERETTE

"With fresh ideas and tools we gain from sharing information with our Christie's colleagues at this conference, we are better able to bring the highest level of service to the East Bay."

For more information, call Leverette at 510-652-2133.

Rates down fifth straight week

■ 30-year fixed-rate mortgages near record low

McLean, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.64 percent, with an average cost of 0.8 point (1 point equals 1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending Oct. 5, down from 8 basis points from 6.72 percent last week.

A year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage average was 7.83 percent. The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has not been lower since the week ending Oct. 9, 1998, when it averaged 6.49 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage this week is 6.11 percent, with an average cost of 0.8 point, down 12 basis points from last week when the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.23 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.50 percent. The 15-year fixed-rate mortgage has not been this low since Freddie Mac began tracking it in 1991.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) av-

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Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac chief economist.

eraged 5.34 percent this week, with an average cost of 0.9 point, down from last week's average of 5.45 percent. This time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 7.21 percent. The one-year ARM has not been this low since the week ending Feb. 16, 1996, when it averaged 5.19 percent.

"This week's rates are among the lowest in a generation, and should keep the housing industry active in the long winter months," said Robert van Order, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Free window clinic tomorrow

■ Save energy and money: Replace old drafty windows.

Mark your calendar for a free Marvin replacement window seminar tomorrow from 9 to 11 a.m. at Truitt & White Company, 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley.

This seminar will offer homeowners and contractors an opportunity to learn about the advantages of replacement windows, tips and techniques for window installations, and the many options available. Marvin professionals will demonstrate how to measure for replacement windows and present an overview of numerous Marvin Window options.

Learn how to fight the rising costs of energy and improve the appearance and value of your home with Marvin replacement windows from Truitt & White Lumber Company.

Drafty windows cause heat loss. Marvin replacement windows are guaranteed to keep air and water out against winds up to 50 mph and eight inches of rain per hour.

Marvin windows help to insulate your home, keeping it cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Smooth-operating Marvin windows are the quality choice of homeowners and contractors. The clever tilt feature in all Marvin double hung units makes window cleaning easy.

Truitt and White's door and window showroom is open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday until noon to give homeowners and contractors the opportunity to inspect full-size displays of the latest offerings.

Refreshments will be served.

For seminar reservations, call 510-649-2674.

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RENTAL HOUSING MEETING

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non-members are also invited to attend. The next meeting is at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18. The meeting is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. The guest speaker is Colleen Bell of Emergency Services. For information and registration call the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

E-PRO CERTIFICATION

The National Association of Realtors introduced the new e-PRO, a real estate industry technology certification program for real estate professionals. The e-PRO course was designed by Realtors for Realtors. The course is presented entirely online and certifies real agents and brokers as Internet Professionals. Realtors are able to complete their studies in their own pace. If you are interested in learning more visit <http://www.eProNAR.com>.

SPEAKER-SPEAKER

Kathleen Adams of First American Home Buyers Protection is the 2002 Program Chairperson for the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter. Adams is looking for speakers for the Chapter's monthly meetings.

LICENSE RENEWAL

Renew your real estate license. Attend and earn all 45 DRE credit hours at once. The seminar includes Agency, Ethics, and Professionalism.

Continuing Ed and wine combine. North American Title Company is hosting the Carneros Region Wine Tasting Trip. This yearly event includes 45 hours of DRE credits, conducted by "Charlie Krackeler Presents". Enjoy a relaxing and comfortable luxury limo coach ride through the beautiful Sonoma/Napa Valley. Enjoy a picnic and visit three wineries. The trip is at 8 a.m., Friday, Oct. 19, with area pick up locations in Alameda and Hayward. Seating is limited. For cost and reservation information contact North American's Donna Smyth at 510-561-1477.

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Trust Funds and Fair Housing. The instructor will be "The Real Estate Guys" talk show host, Charlie Krackeler. Seminars are held on weekday mornings, in a variety of Bay area locations. For more information about attending to renew your license call 1-800-544-RENEW.

NAR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's annual National Association of Realtors Annual Conference & Trade Expo is in Chicago, from Nov. 1 - 5. Registration begins on Oct. 31. An inaugural ball kicks off the conference on Nov. 1. There is a national awards ceremony on Nov. 2. On Sunday, Nov. 4, there is a non-denominational inspirational service. The keynote speaker is sailor-adventurer Captain Bill Pinkey, the first African-American to sail solo around the world. Other event headliners include the legendary band Chicago, Journalist Tom Brokaw and real estate investment author Terry Savage. For registration information contact Wendy Harper at 202-383-1192 or visit the NAR website at nar.realtor.com.

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MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS NEWS

Attention Mortgage Professionals. Learning more about an industry is as important as being a part of that industry. The California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL) and the California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) strive to keep mortgage professionals educated and informed. Both have monthly dinner meetings, with guest speakers discussing timely topics.

CARL meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month beginning with networking at 5 p.m. Networking also kicks off each CAMB meeting, held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

To find out more call the organization's hotline. The hotline is 925-746-1847. The hotline is 925-275-2663.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meeting, presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held on Wednesday at American Trail, Walnut Creek on Olympic Boulevard. Start time begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served. Need info?

Want to recommend a speaker? Call Pat Johnson of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services at 925-296-3300.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

■ Seen at the Ole Timer's Union. Realtor Bill Russell, though claiming to be retired, found out Russell teaches Finance and Economics at Menlo College. He is also President of the Retirement Board for the Marin Municipal Employees Retirement System. To catch up, call him at 510-864-2657.

■ There's a new face at Gragger & Lindsey in Alameda. Realtor Pres Ordinario. Ordinario is bilingual. He is fluent in both English and Tagalog. To say come, call him at 510-748-1190.

■ Someone new at your company? Something special your company is doing? Changing locations? Putting on a seminar? Let me know. I'd love to let the world know. All my contacts are listed below.

WHAT'S UP DOC??

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Lois' real estate hints

When you were growing up, were you told about jewelry and perfume that less is more? That applies to preparing your home for sale. Remove the clutter from your rooms. When you think it's perfect, go back and remove one more item. That's the way to sell a home.

Lois can be reached at the Grand Lake office of Prudential California Realty, 510-834-2010; fax 510-834-3841; voice mail 510-287-2521; e-mail Lois.Harris@PruWeb.com

Time for Zen and the art of mortgage maintenance



KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

The ads scream at you. No point loans...no cost loans! It's automatic to believe that this is the best deal since sliced bread especially with today's low interest rates. But, it all depends on your situation.

Bottom line? The lower the interest rate, the higher the points you pay, something they call prepaid interest! So, if you are going to live in your dream house forever, and do not want to go through the refinance process over and over, you are probably looking for the very lowest rate.

The shorter the term of amortization will also lower the interest rate and points. You can find fixed rates for 10-, 15-, 20-, 25- and 30-year amortization. (There are even 40-year loans out there on some adjustable rate mortgages, but do you want to pay all that interest?)

What's up with that?

Then there are no-cost loans. How do they do that? Again, it's a matter of interest rate.

You have to calculate what you want. Hopefully, with the help of your tax accountant or financial advisor, as to just what your situation needs. There is a tax benefit in your

owner-occupied home that only you and your financial advisor can determine.

They call it the "mortgage benefit" — that mysterious thing that makes a \$2,000 per month payment reduce to \$1,200. (Have you seen what you get for \$1,200 per month in a rental property?) But, no cost loans are available and you have to decide if that's the answer, you can live with

For example, in today's market, you can get a fully documented (where your income, assets and liabilities are verified) conforming (up to \$275,000 for a single family home) 30 year fixed rate loan at no points with a 7 percent interest rate.

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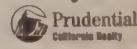


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ANDREA FERREIRA

Spanish Colonial Revival at its elegant best

BY MARK A. WILSON
CORRESPONDENT

It is a known fact that a city is known for its famous Period Revival homes set deep into steeply sloped lots. Seaview Avenue, Piedmont, is a lovely tree-lined street lined with such homes.

One of the most interesting of the many homes set on the marlins is the 324 Seaview Ave. This elegant Spanish Colonial Revival home has been attributed to the distinguished East Bay Area architect Clarence Tantau Sr.

In May 1943, after Tantau died, the magazine "Architect and Engineer" ran a tribute to him, which went as follows: "Best known for his talent in domestic architecture, Mr. Tantau designed some of the better homes in the San Francisco Bay Region, including houses in Oakland, Berkeley, and in Piedmont, also on the Monterey Peninsula. He was particularly gifted in Spanish architecture, and at the time the Spanish style was most popular in California, his homes were outstanding."

The elegant home at 324 Seaview Ave. incorporates the classic elements of the Spanish Colonial style.

The house is set well back from the street with a terraced down-slope lot, and flagstone steps curving towards a handsome front entrance.

The home's facade is covered in earth-colored stucco, and the roof with red clay tiles. There is ornate, decorative iron grillwork over one of the second story front windows.

The entry porch is semi-enclosed, with an unusual octagonal ceiling, and Renaissance style pilasters flanking the opening. The entry hall has a long barrel-vaulted ceiling, and French doors opening onto a lovely enclosed, very private side patio. This patio

is graced by wisteria vines and bougainvillea, which the current owner added. To the right of the patio, just off the entry hall, there is a cozy study, which the current owner remodeled.

The living room is magnificent, and reminds one of a great hall in a Renaissance manor house. There is a large hooded fireplace, with a Florentine Renaissance style columned overmantel.

The ceiling is about 15-foot high with hand-hewn open beaming, beveled corners, and fine Arts-and-Crafts-style stenciled patterns.

The double doors are metal-framed with their original hardware. They lead out onto an inviting balcony. The original light fixtures here are in Spanish Baroque style.

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Getting out from under that mess

Return to Column 105 from
July 1995

The other day I saw a magazine article about a house two friends reddit in Wisconsin. The house, built about the time of the Civil War, had been unoccupied and crumbling for 50 years before the owners bought it to use as their summer home. They made repairs but kept the structure much as they'd found it because, they explained, "We didn't feel we should intrude too much on what existed."

They did not install indoor plumbing, nor did they remove the old sheet linoleum a previous owner had laid on the floors of the main rooms. They stripped the tattered wallpaper but did nothing else to the plaster walls preferring to see the shadowy patterns made by the lath underneath.

I liked knowing about this house and especially enjoyed something one owner said: "I think we've succeeded in befriending our house." Nice thought, nice word "befriending" — just what I hope I am doing to my own house.

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be as low as 6 percent. Let's say you want a \$275,000 first trust deed. The loan at 6.625 percent (at no points) would have a monthly payment (principal and interest) of \$1,829 per month and the loan at 6.00 percent (at 2 points) would be at \$1,761 per month.

The question is: How many months would it take to pay the difference? The 2 point loan cost you \$5500 in loan origination fees and the difference between the two payments is \$68 per month. When you divide the loan origination fees by the difference you would find that it would take you nearly 80.88 months or 6.74 years to break even. If you are planning to stay in the home for at least seven years, it seems to make sense to pay the points up front and enjoy the lower payment.

The "no cost" loan, again is a matter of interest rate. Including loan origination points, most loans, whether refinance or purchase have average costs of about 2.0 percent of the loan amount. They include those other fees — title, escrow, appraisal, credit reports, underwriting, loan documents, funding and tax service fees.

In order to get a no cost loan, the lender must offer a rebate deep

But not everyone feels the same. Some people are more able, more interested in making friends with the places where they live than others who do nothing to change them from the way they got them.

They don't seem to see their surroundings, or if they do, they're busy with other things. This is fine. There aren't any rules about living in houses.

Last week we saw a house that no one had done anything to for a very long time. We don't know who lived there or how long ago he or she moved out but judging from the condition of the roof, whoever it was must have gotten wet when it rained.

Standing on the sidewalk, we could see that the roof has broken down into layers of mush. From inside the living room, we could look through to the sky. The wood floors have buckled, pieces of plaster hang by threads, walls are spotted with mildew.

Did the owner have buckets and pans all over the place for drips, we wonder? Why wasn't

enough to pay for the borrower's costs as well as pay the broker's commission (my favorite part of the process!)

As I write this article Oct. 9, a conforming 30-year fixed rate loan at no costs would be in the neighborhood of 7.25 percent and our \$275,000 loan would have a principle and interest payment of \$1,876. (Remember that fixed-rate interest programs are subject to change and usually do change daily.)

Compare that to the zero-point payment of \$1,761 or the 2-point payment of \$1,649, roll it up, wrap it up and take it to your financial advisor. Everybody's needs are different. Zen and the art of mortgage maintenance.

Of course today, we are not limited to "just" fixed rates. There are all kinds of short term fixed loan products that convert to an adjustable rate mortgage as well as regular ARMs that may suit your lifestyle better than a fixed rate.

The bottom line is that you want to investigate all of the loan products available. Like a spouse, it can be real expensive to divorce a home loan. Remember, though, it's all a part of Mortgage Madness.

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the roof replaced? Was the owner old and ill, or had no money, or what?

Maybe the owner chose to live in the house the way it was. Maybe he or she didn't pay attention to the problem for a long time, and then decided it didn't matter, or that it was too late. The house still worked, still provided some shelter. Even with all that water pouring in, the doors and windows would still close and lock. The floors were wavy but had no holes. The lights and plumbing still turned on and off. It is possible that the owner found the house acceptable.

How people live in their houses is something we've been talking about lately because we've heard from several worried homeowners who told us they'd like to sell, but they can't because things are in such a mess.

The roof leaks, or the plumbing is clogged up, or they've collected so many belongings that they can't get to the walls to paint them.

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your house. It may be better, you may come out ahead, by letting the buyer fix it himself. It just depends.

If you are thinking about selling and your house needs work, you'll need to collect information, do some evaluation, think about what path is right for you. Talk to an agent, get some idea about selling prices and the agent's concerns about the condition of your house. Get bids, then consider your objective.

Even if you decide not to replace or paint a single thing, remember that if you do sell, you will be moving. This means that everything you own will have to be moved, too. You might as well start on that. You might be able to deal with your belongings yourself, box them and store them, give them away, have a garage sale. If this is too overwhelming, it is possible to hire someone to help. Maybe you already know someone who would be good at this.

If not, and you have the money and time, we know a couple whose business is dealing with personal property. They hold estate sales, they clean out houses, and they are available to help people go through things, sort and pack them, or take them away and sell them.

We just want you to know that there are many possibilities. Every house, every owner is different. Sometimes redoing a house will cost more than it makes sense to spend. Sometimes the owner doesn't have the money or can't face doing anything.

Whatever your plans, whatever your style, we hope that you are not laying awake worrying about house maintenance. It actually takes quite awhile for houses to fall down and die.

So, take heart. Think about the Civil War house, vacant for 50 years. No one painted, caulked, washed or did anything at all in all those years, and it was still standing upright.

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WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA

3142 Ball Ln - \$375,500
329 Central Av - \$365,000
1612 Cornell Dr - \$565,000
3020 Flora Vista St - \$350,000
1417 Gibbons Dr - \$560,000
1020 Island Dr - \$390,000
590 Kings Rd - \$531,000
1933 Kolman Pkwy - \$626,000
15 Lagorio Ct - \$469,000
2416 Marti Rae Ct - \$208,000
1917 Minturn St - \$320,000
18 Oyster Shells - \$820,000
1112 Post St - \$340,000
7 Rutland Ct - \$455,000
1063 San Antonio Av - \$539,000
950 Shorepoint #206 - \$190,000
888 Union St - \$725,000
1321 Webster #D21 - \$190,000

ALBANY

948 Evelyn Av - \$351,000
545 Pierce St #120 - \$271,000
535 Pierce St #340 - \$308,000
920 Pomona Av - \$542,000
1266 Portland Av - \$440,000

BERKELEY

2509 Acton St - \$371,000
2937 Ashby Av - \$675,000
1994 Berryman St - \$682,000
1644 Curtis St - \$255,000
2155 Hilgard Av #1 - \$430,000
2818 Mabel St - \$257,000
1642 Milvia St - \$385,000
2 Panoramic #303 - \$287,500
9 Rosemont Av - \$605,000
794 San Luis Rd - \$770,000
1306 Talbot Av - \$344,000
2615 Telegraph #301 - \$350,000
2634 Virginia St - \$311,000
1614 Visalia Av - \$625,000
1827 Ward St - \$300,000

EL CERRITO

309 Carmel Av - \$383,500
940 Everett St - \$310,000
2211 Pinehurst Wy - \$462,500

EL SOBRANTE

307 Del Valle Cr - \$180,000
3430 S. P. Dam Rd #27 - \$153,000

EMERYVILLE

1232 53rd St - \$215,000

2 Anchor Dr #F28 - \$1,000,000
8 Commodore #B32 - \$1,000,000
3 Commodore #B33 - \$1,000,000

KENSINGTON

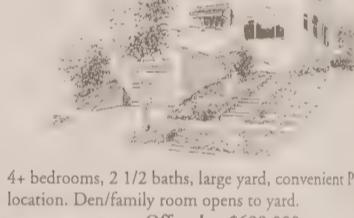
107 Arlington Av - \$450,000

OAKLAND

1934 100th Av - \$205,000
2140 103rd Av - \$90,000
2380 106th Av - \$217,000
1822 107th Av - \$195,000
1900 109th Av - \$200,000
773 13th St - \$111,500
2157 25th Av - \$80,000
2540 34th Av - \$250,000
4064 39th Av - \$600,000
974 39th St - \$250,000
2220 41st Av - \$230,000
519 43rd St - \$305,000
2035 45th Av - \$310,000
2158 48th Av - \$224,000
362 60th St - \$500,000
1847 66th Av - \$275,000
1000 70th Av - \$200,000
1103 71st Av - \$210,000
1381 81st Av - \$193,000
1475 81st Av - \$200,000
1081 82nd Av - \$190,000
1908 99th Av - \$125,000
9821 A St - \$310,000
883 Aeleen St - \$245,000
4028 Barrer Av - \$245,000
565 Braddock #22 - \$225,000
9301 Birch St - \$175,000
12225 Blythen Wy - \$1,000,000
4405 Bridgeview Dr - \$65,000
3335 Burdeck Dr - \$40,000
9939 Burdett St - \$299,000
260 Caldecott #103 - \$100,000
180 Caldecott #311 - \$300,000
4836 Calderwood Ct - \$1,000,000
1309 Campbell St - \$1,000,000
1524 Campbell St - \$1,000,000
655 Chetwood #202 - \$200,000
3628 Columbian Dr - \$300,000
5114 Coronado Av - \$475,000
455 Crescent #309 - \$100,000
455 Crescent #101 - \$100,000

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\$159,000 1430 3rd St, Duplex • Open Sat. 10-4. Two bedroom units. Great south of prescott location. Needs lots of work. Kathy 510-814-4706

\$179,500 2871 Helen St, High basement Victorian 3bd, 1ba, whimsy original features. Rapidly developing neighborhood borders on Oakland. Much potential! Needs work. Kathy 510-814-4706

\$198,000 3W Embaceradero 227. Quaint super private unit on second floor with carport parking. One bedroom with double doors. Walk to Jack London waterfront. Next to channel "2". Donnelieu 510-814-4706

\$195,000 1317 Center St. Open Sat. 2-4. Large Victorian! Contractor special 3bd, 2ba, family room, formal dining room, finished basement/room. Great location. Kathy 510-814-4706

\$225,000 830 Pine St. Perfect for live/work! Approx 1400 sq. ft. 14' ceiling, skylights & roll up doors. Needs work! Good location. Kathy 510-814-4706

\$358,000 8049 Greenly Dr. Single level 2bd, 1ba bungalow! Large eat in kitchen and family room. Large deck and inground pool in private yard. Donnala 510-814-4842

\$425,000 4611 Virginia Ave. Open Sun. 2-4. View city lights! Single level 3bd, 2ba, bungalow! Hardwood floors, updated kitchen & baths, new plumbing & electrical. Formal dining, basement, & workshop. Detached garage. Donnala 510-814-4843

\$625,000 7975 Pheasant Dr. Beautiful single level 4 bd, 2 ba, 2 car garage. Built in fireplace, sunroom, and stone counters. Donnala 510-814-4842

\$99,000 161 Beaumont Dr. 2bd, 1ba, 1 car garage. Large deck. Lots of light. Great location. Donnala 510-814-4843

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361 Hollister Ct - \$342,000
 1621 Hubbard Av - \$316,000
 2385 Lagoon Ct - \$585,000
 422 Lloyd Av - \$240,000
 2000 Miramar Av - \$225,000
 15163 Orion Rd - \$626,000
 1553 Pierce Av - \$338,000
 16514 Russel Ct - \$341,000
 482 Superior Av - \$335,000
 1007 Victoria Av - \$280,000
 14355 Wiley St - \$310,000

SAN LORENZO

1406 Culver Pl - \$230,000
 17333 Via Alamitos - \$260,000
 15830 Via Del Prado - \$303,000

By the numbers**ALAMEDA**

TOTAL SALES: 18
 LOWEST PRICE: \$190,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$820,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$445,472

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$271,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$542,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$351,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$382,400

BELMONT

TOTAL SALES: 15
 LOWEST PRICE: \$257,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$770,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$385,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$461,167

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$462,500
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$383,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$385,333

EL COWANNE

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$153,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$180,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$166,500

EL CANTERO

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$184,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$310,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$225,125

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$450,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 76
 LOWEST PRICE: \$9,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$932,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$303,072

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The Orchid Society of California is holding its annual show and sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10 and 11, at the Lakeside Garden Center in Lakeside Park by Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland. Admission is free.

Notable orchid growers will participate in selling a wide variety of orchids and will provide plants to accommodate orchid lovers from the novice to the discriminating collector. The society will stage displays with exotic or-

chids from all over the world. The Orchid Society of California is dedicated to advancing the hobby of orchid growing and is encouraging the public to join its members and learn how to successfully grow orchids in their own homes and gardens.

Because of the temperature and sunny climate of the Bay Area, Orchid Society of California members enjoy growing a great variety of orchids. For more information call Gilbert Rodriguez at 510-538-8632.

BELMONT

TOTAL SALES: 14
 LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$482,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$272,821

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 23
 LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$626,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$338,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$347,261

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$230,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$303,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$260,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$264,333

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The Building Education Center offers...

Berkeley's Building Education Center offers the following classes:

- Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Kitchen Cabinet and Counter Installation" A hands on workshop with builder Glen Kitzengberger. \$90.
- Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. "Framing Carpentry." A hands-on workshop with carpenter Rodney Kooyman. \$180.
- Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. "Portable Power Tools for Beginner

ers." A hands-on workshop with carpenter Tracy Weir. \$95.

9 a.m. to noon. "House Raising." A seminar with architect Andus Brandt and engineer Monte Stott \$35.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. "Inside the Interior Designer World." A seminar with Lori Inman, a certified interior designer and artist. \$35.

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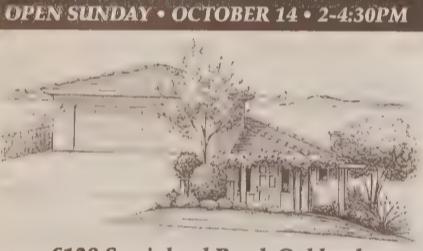
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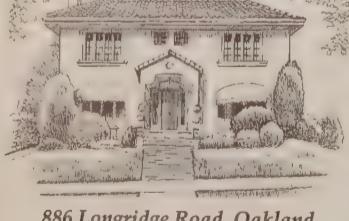
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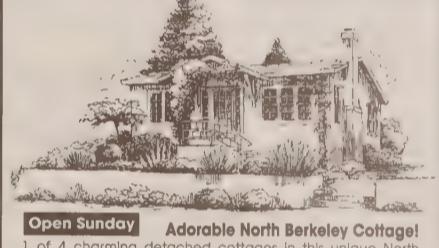


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4 bedroom, 3 bath, home located just below Skyline Blvd

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9,700 sq. ft. lot, breathtaking garden expertly designed

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Large bedrooms, with walk-in closets, and a large master bathroom.

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1-5 p.m.

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304 Bartlett.....\$489,000
1BR/1BA, plus room, HWF & FP, eat-in kitchen, large grassy fenced yard, multi-use workshop 2-4:30 Joan Alford

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Montclair 2BR/2BA situated on large lot, spectacular view. Pool, guest house. 2-5 Donna Conroy

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3+BR/2BA updated Rockridge (Upper) home blends natural charm & style 2-4:30 Nancy Dickey

4540 Grivin Drive.....\$669,000
Montclair 2BR/2BA w/huge plus room & den, 2+brn, rm comb, 2 FP. Sharp! 2-5 Joa Nego

1977 Asot Dr. #6, Moraga.....\$510,000
Stately 3BR/2BA townhome. Great floorplan, bright kitchen, upgraded 2-5 Elena Stone

456 McAuley.....\$320,000
North Oakland. Cozy Craftsman cottage, 2BR/1BA, built-ins, FP, eat-in kitchen 1-5 Elena Stone

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Piedmont Pines.....\$875,000
Large & private! Dramatic sunroom Contemporary Bay 2+bridge view, soaring ceilings, HWF 2FP, FDR, fam. room 3BR/3.5BA 3-car garage. Ruby Ng

Piedmont.....\$850,000
2+brn abounds Sun-filled English Tudor 3+brn, w/valued ceilings & family room off kitchen 4BR/2BA George Karsant

Chabot Highlands.....\$699,000
Strongly remodeled Ranch on large lot, green views of rolling hills, 3BR/2BA, office, 2FP, deck, canyon views. Victor Fierro

Piedmont Side of Montclair.....\$649,000
Contemporary within strolling distance of Village schools & park! 4+BR/2+BA, FDR & 2nd fam. rm w/WFP. HWF remodeled kitchen, plus lots of outdoor living. Adele Wong

Emeryville Loft.....\$395,000
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Cute, 2BR/1BA home perfectly placed on huge lot w/extra garage space. Reva Tolbert

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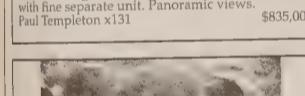
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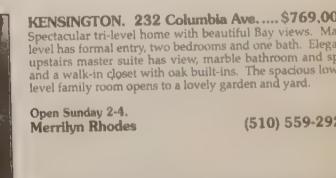
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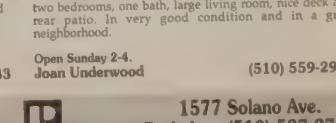
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Dana Cohen (510) 339-8900 x239

El Cerrito



Lovely, Gated Townhouse... \$365,000
At Harbor Bay Island! Need three bedrooms at the price of two? This townhouse condominium has been converted from two master suites to three sleeping areas. You must see to appreciate.

Peter Fletcher (510) 521-1177

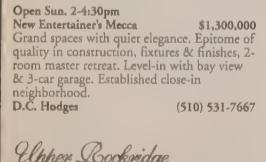
Oakland Lake Merritt



Lake Merritt Condo \$285,000
1st time open. Serene, spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in well maintained building. Large patio off the living room. A peek of the lake from the master bedroom. Close to BART, AC Transit & downtown.

Tom Erwin (510) 339-8900 x230

Oakland Redwood



Open Sun. 2-4:30pm
New Entertainer's Mecca \$1,300,000
Grand spaces with quiet elegance. Epitome of quality in construction, fixtures & finishes, 2-room master retreat. Level-in with bay view & 3-car garage. Established close-in neighborhood.

D.C. Hodges (510) 531-7667

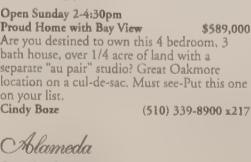
Berkeley Elsinwood



Classic Brown Shingle \$788,000
Beautifully remodeled kitchen & bathrooms with designer features. Refinished hardwood floors & freshly painted. New wood windows. Coe ceilings. Landscaped garden includes deck & hot tub. Walk to College Ave. & UCB.

Gayle Tantau (510) 339-8900 x260

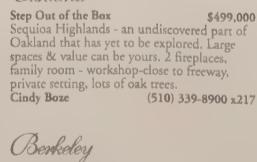
Oakmore



Open Sunday 2-4:30pm
Proud Home with Bay View \$589,000
Are you destined to own this 4 bedroom, 3 bath house, over 1/4 acre of land with 4 separate "au pair" studio? Great Oakmore location on a cul-de-sac. Must see! Put this one on your list.

Cindy Boze (510) 339-8900 x217

Oakland



Step Out of the Box \$499,000
Sequoia Highlands - an undiscovered part of Oakland that has yet to be explored. Large spaces & value can be yours. 2 fireplaces, family room - workshop-close to freeway, private setting, lots of oak trees.

Cindy Boze (510) 339-8900 x217

Open Sunday 2-4:30pm
Classic Bungalow \$439,000
Delightful, sunny, refreshing home, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, level, play or garden. Conveniently located, ready for new owners.

Miriam Wilson (510) 339-8900 x300

Berkeley



Open Sunday 2-4:30pm
Classic Bungalow \$439,000
Enjoy fabulous sunsets & the ever-changing tides from your 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home right on the bay. Stroll down the beach just steps away, watch the birds & wild fowl resort living yet convenient to everything.

Deb Riney (510) 339-8900 x216

Open Sunday 2-4:30pm
Sunsets On the Bay \$529,000
Enjoy fabulous sunsets & the ever-changing tides from your 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home right on the bay. Stroll down the beach just steps away, watch the birds & wild fowl resort living yet convenient to everything.

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132 Beechwood Drive \$1,725,000
Elegant architecture & exceptional detailing accent this 4 yr. old Mediterranean. Sited on 1/5 acre, this 4BR/4BA, 4200 sq. ft. home captures SF views. Mavis Delacroix

2268 Leimert Boulevard \$1,328,000
Dramatic views of SF, the Bay & bridges, stunning materials & spatial drama have been artfully combined to create an exceptional new residence. Debra J. Dryden

13454 Campus Drive \$1,198,000
This exceptional new home is set in the hills w/peaceful views. Superior craftsmanship thru out. Gourmet kitchen. 4BR/2.5BA + library/office. Adam Betta

6241 Buena Vista Ave. New Listing \$929,000
Spectacular English traditional with charming garden entry & elegant finishes, boasts breathtaking SF views from all levels. 3BR/3.5BA. Katie S. Harmon

510 Magnolia Avenue New Listing \$875,000
PIEDMONT. This all level home in central Piedmont includes 3BR/3BA plus den, family room, large patio and three car garage. Close to all conveniences. Angela Wei Grubb



801 Rosemount Road \$875,000
Elegant French country home surrounded by a lovely garden & picket fence. 4BR/4BA including romantic master suite w/fireplace, library & updated kitchen. Judith Cain

1072 Hubert Road New Listing \$795,000
Elegant traditional 4BR/3BA Crocker Highlands home w/fabulous details including leaded windows and hardwood floors. Steve Michaelides

Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

5601 LaSalle Avenue New Listing \$730,000
Beautiful park-like grounds enhance this spacious, all level home on the Piedmont side of Montclair. 4BR/3BA + family room w/fireplace and garden access. Susanne Paul



7028 Thornhill Drive New Listing \$725,000
Charming traditional 3BR/2BA on a large level lot with views. Exquisite detailing. Rumpus room and new kitchen. Cherie Curliano

1 Tisbury Lane New Listing \$699,000
NEAR BERKELEY. Almost 2 acres just minutes from Berkeley. Striking 4BR/2BA contemporary home + auxiliary buildings. Near stables & trails. Chris Cohn

6047 Snake Road \$659,500
Large Montclair 4BR/3BA + family room w/natural light & Bay views. 2 fireplaces. Dark room. Private setting w/elegant landscaping near Montclair Village. Lori Lombardo

230 Palm Drive \$650,000
PIEDMONT. Located in a wonderful neighborhood, this darling home features formal entry, living & dining room, sunny eat-in kitchen and 3BR/1BA. Sheila Gallagher

19 Kingwood Road New Listing \$639,000
Beautiful open floor plan, extensively remodeled, 3BR/2.5BA including master. Kitchen/family room combo, new hardwood floors on 1st level. SF views. Kurt Buchholz

7128 Saroni Drive New Listing \$579,000
Quintessential Montclair home in woody, peaceful setting. Updated kitchen. 4BR/2BA. Two private decks. Spacious! Debbi DiMaggio

3908 Randolph Ave. New Listing \$575,000
Charming & spacious traditional in the heart of Glenview. 4BR/2BA, totally remodeled w/cook's kitchen, maple wainscoting, sunny deck & landscaped garden. Nancy Lehrkind

331 Vernon Street \$449,000
Classic split-level Mediterranean with random plank floors in the spacious living room and formal dining room. 3BR/2BA and level garden. Mavis Delacroix

3206 Ellis Street \$425,000
BERKELEY. Classic 3BR/2BA Craftsman restored with original detail & built-ins. Fireplace, hardwood floors, beamed ceiling, gourmet kitchen. Garden. Jill Carrigan

16560 Toledo Street New Listing \$399,000
SAN LEANDRO. Enjoy fabulous South Bay views from your country kitchen and dining area. 3BR/2BA. Two "plus" rooms. Move in condition! Connie Rogers

1731 Dwight Way New Listing \$369,000
BERKELEY. Charming brown shingle w/hardwood floors throughout. Front porch, deck, gardens & large updated kitchen. 2BR/1BA. Michelle Winchester

51 Teraynn Court New Listing \$369,000
Contemporary townhome w/sweeping Bay views, vaulted ceilings, 2BR/2.5BA (two master suites) & 2 car garage. Close to parks & shopping. Sherry Benninger



3263 Madeline Street \$349,000
Lovely Laurel bungalow, perfect for the first-time home buyer with three bedrooms and two baths, cozy family room and level garden. Mavis Delacroix

3035 Chapman St. #2 New Listing \$329,000
Stunning live-work condominium in a three-unit complex. Large garden. Upper story is living space with separate bedroom. Lower space has two workspaces. Erika Celestre

By Appointment

Piedmont Elegance \$2,850,000
Elegant! Over 1/3 acre. Beautiful gardens w/pool, spa & more. 5BR/5+BA, family room & rumpus room! Angela Wei Grubb

Skyline View Estate \$2,500,000
Under construction Mediterranean designed by Albert Horowitz. Terraces to enjoy the Bay view. Debra J. Dryden

Private Window to the World \$1,575,000
Enjoy breathtaking views from this spectacular Piedmont home. Gourmet kitchen. 5BR/3.5BA. Mindy Scott

Central Piedmont Traditional \$1,499,000
Classic traditional. 4+BR/2.5BA, family room, gardens & pool. Gorgeous! For Sale or Lease. Katherine Cooper

Gracious All-Level Living \$1,150,000
Spacious all-level home in the Piedmont side of Montclair. 4BR/3.5BA with fabulous views. Nancy Lehrkind

Piedmont View Home \$1,069,000
Spectacular views & privacy from this contemporary on a 1/2 acre terraced lot! Decks. 4BR/3BA. Angela Wei Grubb

Crocker Highlands Classic \$969,000
Classic traditional w/original details. Updated kitchen & baths. 3BR/2.5BA. Lovely garden. Elizabeth Dickson

Exquisite Montclair \$829,000
Privately located with views & dramatic architectural detailing. Close to Village. Perfect floorplan. Sheila Gallagher

Piedmont Charm \$799,000
From the charm of the gardens to the dramatic impact of the vaulted living room ceiling, this house is special. Mindy Scott

Upper Rockridge View Home \$799,000
This wonderfully detailed home combines Bay views with comfortable living. 4BR/3BA. Mindy Scott

Designer's Showcase \$729,000
Dramatic lighting in living room & dining room. Gourmet kitchen, den & wine cellar. 3BR/2.5BA. John Karnay

Charming Berkeley \$649,500
Great condition w/1930's charm. 3BR/2BA + family room. Outstanding storage & workshop space. Chris Cohn

Piedmont Mediterranean \$619,000
Rich in detail w/parklike garden. 2BR/2BA + office, inviting veranda & updated country kitchen. Sandra Vogl

Oasis in Parkwoods \$335,000
Beautifully remodeled "Piedmont" model. Hardwood floors, designer touches & hillside vistas. Ed Kuo

Sophisticated Live/Work Loft \$299,500
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LAUREL \$299,500
3057 MAPLE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Spacious 3BR/2BA bungalow nestled on a quiet cul-de-sac adjacent to 80 acres of open space. Remodeled kitchen, hardwood flrs, approx. 8900 sf yard. Candy Bennyl x352

OAKLAND \$295,000
8125 GREENLY DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New price! 2BR/1BA bungalow nestled on a quiet cul-de-sac adjacent to 80 acres of open space. Remodeled kitchen, hardwood flrs, approx. 8900 sf yard. Candy Bennyl x328

By Appointment

PIEDMONT \$2,450,000
Classic Colonial on approx. one-third acre. 5BR/3+BA, stunning kitchen; large family rm opens to lovely grounds/play area. Exceptional! Georgia Cornell x325

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,875,000
5+BR/4.5BA. Splendid new home w/patio & GG views. Gourmet kit/fam rm. Luxury master suite. Approx. 1/2 acre. Nancy Norman x313

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,075,000
Sharp & stylish 1997 Mediterranean w/great Bay views. 4+BR/3BA, formal dining, master suite w/fireplace, terrace. Dee Knowland x318

MONTCLAIR \$889,000
Spacious 6 yr old contemporary w/gorgeous formal rooms, marble floors, oversized kitchen/family rm. 4BR suites/4+BA, 3 fireplaces & breathtaking canyon views. Jeffrey Himmel x307

CLAREMONT HILLS \$795,000
LOT w/fantastic panoramic SF & bay views. Smashing \$100K+ plans included. Dee Knowland x318

CLAREMONT HILLS LOT \$750,000
Glorious SF & Bay view lot framed by large secluded greenbelts. Canyon. Private road serves 4 luxury homes. Soils report, survey & architectural blueprints included. David Ichikawa x331

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$649,000
Stunning 4BR/3.5BA traditional. Family room, breakfast room, decks, patio & 2-car garage. Kathleen Callahan x343

RICHMOND ANNEX \$329,000
Charming 2BR/1BA in wonderful condition. Spectacular garden. Lovely views. Convenient location near BART & freeway. Leslie Avant x341

MONTCLAIR \$749,000

6097 COLTON BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Level-in 4BR/3BA home w/SF Bay & serene canyon views. Flexible floor plan, updated kitchen & hardwood floors throughout. Prime location near the Village & freeways. Teri Carlisle x305

HILL CREST HIGHLANDS \$739,000
5815 BALMORAL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Remodeled & expanded 5BR/4.5BA home. Great room w/beautiful kitchen, family room, decks & views. Approx. 3200 sf. Ashley O'Neill x368

MONTCLAIR \$729,000
1725 ALHAMBRA LN. (Open 2-4:30)
Reduced! 5BR/3BA home w/fabulous floor plan. Dramatic 2-story living rm, kit/fam rm & 3 car garage. Quiet yet convenient location near Village. Teri Carlisle x305

MONTCLAIR \$710,000
1957 ASILOMAR DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Impeccably maintained, level in on level street w/patio bridge, bay & SF views. 3+BR/3BA, upgraded kit & baths. Gardens. 2-car garage. Ann Nichols x319

ORINDA \$699,000
302 SOUTHWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Charming 3BR/2BA brown shingle in serene & private setting yet close to shops & restaurants. Kit/fam rm, formal dining, decks & hot tub. Updated. Sandi Klemmer x314

BERKELEY \$639,000
2222 BLAKE ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Very charming 3BR/1BA 2-story Victorian w/1BR/1BA rear brown shingle cottage. French drs to deck & yard. Immaculate & beautiful. Nancy Noman x373

BERKELEY \$795,000
275 CEDAR ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Tudor style w/wonderful architectural details. Incredibly charming garden & bay views. Outstanding kitchen & master ste. 4+BR/2BA. Joan E. Hause x358

MONTCLAIR \$550,000

1880 WOODHAVEN WAY (Open 2-4:30)
1950's level-in contemporary. 5BR + rumpus. Great details. Random-plank hardwood flrs. Wrap-around deck. Lots of windows. Tree views. Nancy Chew x342

KENSINGTON \$525,000
29 SUNSET DR. (Open 2-5)
Secluded rustic fixer designed by Vernon DeMars. Dramatic open plan, large wooded site, prestigious neighborhood, some view. 4+BR/2+BA. Gini Erck x339

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$519,000
4256 39TH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Gorgeous 2+BR/1+BA Spanish Mediterranean w/Bay views. Vaulted beamed ceilings, spacious formal rooms, adjoining home office & beautiful garden. Approx. 2,000 sq. ft. Diane Earl McCann x352

OAKMORE \$449,000
2303 TIFFIN RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Darling 3BR/2BA home, recently remodeled. Wonderful great room! Level yard. Sandi Klemmer x314

LEONA HEIGHTS \$429,000
4027 RUSTING AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Sunny, charming & updated 3BR/1BA home built in 1948. New paint, carpet, linoleum & more. Approx. 1,361 sf living room w/picture window & fireplace. Michelle Miller x335

ALAMEDA \$415,000
1027 FOUNTAIN ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Big price reduction! Sunny 3BR/1BA. Terrific condition. New kit, large fam rm. Private fenced back yard w/deck. As-is. Sandi Klemmer x314 & Dick Cohen x308

SHEFFIELD VILLAGE \$369,000
3070 MIDDLETON ST. (Open 1-4)
Light & lovely 2BR/1.25BA home w/SF & GG views. Dual pane windows, hardwood flrs & spacious family rm. Approx. 1,564 sf. Candy Bennyl x328

PIEDMONT AVE. \$399,000
642 EL DORADO AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Stately 4+BR/1.5BA home built in 1906. Dutch Colonial home awaits your finishing touches. Developable attic, large level yard & great location. Jeffrey Himmel x307

OAKLAND \$379,000
7967 HILLMONT DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Lovely 3BR/2BA traditional w/fabulous views of SF & GG from the spacious redwood deck w/sunken hot tub. Candy Bennyl x328

SAN LEANDRO \$339,900
1803 BANCROFT AVE. (Open 1-4)
New Listing! Sunny, charming & updated 3BR/1BA home built in 1948. New paint, carpet, linoleum & more. Approx. 1,361 sf living room w/picture window & fireplace. Michelle Miller x335

PIEDMONT AVE. \$339,000
758 KINGSTON AVE. #203 (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Sophisticated 2BR/2BA condo nestled in the trees. Formal dining, fireplace, master suite & large balcony w/a peek of the bay. Kathy Flynn x317

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Bicycle, fun, hand, more.

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Clths, end tab, lamps, Xmas, crafts, etc.

1712 DAYTON
840 1/2 Main St
Couches, dressers, double-hung windows, doors, lamps, etc. (not from Coast remode) and more.

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Heidi, denim, children's & lit, lamps, etc. Also knacks, books & furniture
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1187 REGENT ST.

SAT/SUN 9-5

Fun, stereo speakers, chira, crystal, denim, household items, clothes, toys, xmas items, much more.

HUGE SALE

461 SAN JUAN CRUZ LN

SAT/SUN 8-3

Furn., kitchen, gadgets, clothes, lamps, etc. Also 1981 Grand Cherokee- Low miles, MINT condition, and more.

1008 ISLAND DRIVE

SAT: 8-1

Dishes, linens, new rug, fun, clths, kitchenware, antiques

to No Barles.

2901 TOWER ST.

Fun, xmas items, a little of everything.

2091 TOWER ST.

SAT: 8-1

Clths, kitchenware, antiques, clothes, desk, misc.

2119 Homecoming Way.

No early birds.

MULTI-FAMILY

1832 LAS RAMBLAS

SATURDAY 10/13, 9-5

Furniture, clothes, etc.

MOVING SALE!

Sunday 10/14, 9-4pm

1021 Pear Tree Ct.

SAT: 10/13, 9AM-2PM

Moving, sale, etc.

5 STORAGE LOCKERS

SAT: 10/13, 9-2pm

Moving, storage, clothes, desk, misc.

2119 Homecoming Way.

No early birds.

MULTI-FAMILY

3036 CHRISLAND CT.

(off Genninger)

SAT/10/13, 9AM-2PM

Moving, sale, etc.

5000 YARD SALE

SAT: 10/13, 8-2pm

Moving, sale, clothes, desk, misc.

2119 Homecoming Way.

No early birds.

MULTI-FAMILY

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SAT/10/13, 9AM-2PM

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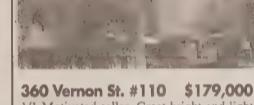
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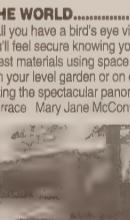
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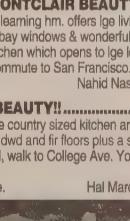
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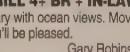
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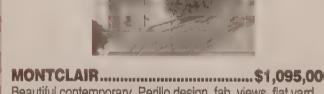
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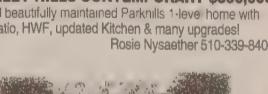
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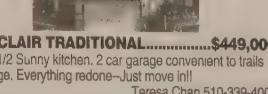
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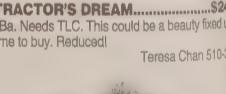
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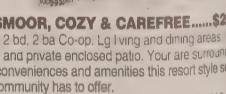
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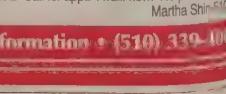
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Arts Have a good time riding along with 'Bandits' [C3]

Albany stays atop BSAL

Cruise control
Cougars stay
undefeated

By Peter Mentor
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — All the ingredients for a championship-type match were there for the Piedmont and Albany High School girls volleyball teams.

There was Albany's storied history, Piedmont's up-and-coming talent, and a good crowd watching to see the last two undefeated Bay Shore Athletic League teams face off in their only regular-season match.

So how did such a potential BSAL North-South Division match-up turn out to be such a sleeper, with the Cougars walking over the Highlanders in three straight games?

Albany (5-0 BSAL, 6-0 overall) won the match 15-5, 15-13, 15-13 and it really wasn't that close. Piedmont (5-1 BSAL, 6-2) had a chance to tie things up after holding a 12-9 lead in the second game, but Albany used a 6-1 run to put that game away and take control of the match.

"After the first game we were cruising and we let up," said Albany's Kirsten Bender, who plays club ball with Piedmont players Denise Tu and Christine Gage. "This was the game of the season for us. We should be thinking about playoffs next."

Hopefully the playoffs will hold more punch and pizzazz. This match had some good volleys, but it lacked the intensity of past "big games" for Albany, when Cougar fans would crowd

into the old high school gym and chant in between points.

Part of the problem was that Albany plays at Albany Middle School, which Bender said her teammates don't exactly call "home." The other thing is that the Cougars are rebuilding after losing six seniors from last year, leaving only senior Rachel Lomen.

Piedmont played with heart, especially in the second game, but overall something was missing. The Highlanders would come close, then fade before ever gaining a lead.

"I don't think we were ever actually in the game," Piedmont setter Katie Hilton said. "It was kind of like a roller-coaster ride. There were points where we were in the game, but we were never really in the game. We always get a glimpse of the hill and then roll back down."

Hilton, a co-captain at Piedmont, who led her team with 10 kills and 18 assists, walked off the court grimacing after a teammate's elbow collided with a bone in her right hand. She was going for X-rays to see if anything was broken. Losing her would be a huge setback.

Piedmont first-year coach Felicia Chu knows the story of how good Albany has been in the past. He also knows the Cougars lost most of their starting lineup and that his team missed a chance for victory.

"We just didn't show up," Chu said. "We just never went out and played our game. We had

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glimpses of what we were capable of, but nothing consistent. We should have beat them."

Chu said that statement about winning was not based on empty confidence. He believes the talent is there at Piedmont, it's the mental game that was missing. "I've seen what they can do," he said. "We didn't move our feet. We were waiting on balls, sitting back on our heels."

Chu said his team is made up of equally talented players, which is a blessing and a curse. They get along well and are nice kids, but he has yet to find a solid core of starters.

As for Albany, this is not the same team that had the super-power talent of the past. Not that there isn't talent, it's just not the same dynasty that was here before.

Losing six seniors from last year's North Coast Section title winner was hard enough. The Cougars ended the 2000 season in the first round of the Northern California playoffs, well short of the goal of winning state. They also lost their coach in the process. Albany has its third coach in as many years, with John Segall taking the helm this season.

Segall watched his team dominate the first game of the match; then inexperience set in when the Cougars slipped some in the second game. That second game was tied at 3, 6, 9, 12 and 13 before two powerful kills by Albany hitter Emma Spearman ended it.

Albany led the third game by five, trading points back and forth from 9-4 to 12-7. Then Piedmont raced back into the game



TUE NAM TON/STAFF
ALBANY'S DIMPHY SASSE (left) spikes the ball as Denise Tu of Piedmont goes up for a block in the Cougars' straight-game sweep of the Highlanders Tuesday night at Albany Middle School.

Wear, but winners

Yellow Jackets
taken to 5 games
before prevailing
against Encinal

By Bill Kruissink
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — The Berkeley girls were showing signs of fatigue. It was late in the fourth game of their match against the Encinal Jets and the Yellow Jackets appeared flat. For their part, the Jets were up-and-at-'em.

That the Yellow Jackets were dragging a bit should not surprise

match was the first time the Jackets had lost a game in league play. When Encinal (4-1 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) won the fourth game 15-11, it became the first five-gamer the Yellow Jackets had played in the league this fall.

"We were a little tired because we're not used to going five with the teams in our league," middle blocker Desirée Guilliard-Young explained.

Not to worry. Whatever weariness had swept the club in the early going was gone by the time the team went to the fifth game.

Playing in the rally-point format on Oct. 9, Berkeley (14-4, 5-1) jumped out to a 5-1 lead before Encinal rallied to within a point, 11-10, behind the serve of returning MVP Jackie Randolph (21 kills). Then the Yellow Jackets found another gear.

With crowd noise rising, Guilliard-Young (12 kills, five blocks) sent a kill to the floor for 12-10, then ran off three points from the service line, (Latisha Harris making the final kill) to put a 15-7, 7-15, 11-15, 11-15, 15-10 win in the book.

"I think our team is good at cracking under pressure," the Guillard-bound Guilliard-Young said. "We knew they were going to be hard to beat — they're one of the best teams in our league, so we knew we were going to



TUE NAM TON/STAFF
BERKELEY HITTER VANESSA WILLIAMS sent a spike past Encinal's Ashleigh Miller during their match in Alameda on Oct. 9. The Yellow Jackets were taken to five games before prevailing 3-2.

have to come with our game."

This win, along with Berkeley's 3-0 victory over Alameda last week, gives the Yellow Jackets sole possession of first place in the ACCAL. Encinal dropped into a three-way tie for second place with De Anza and El Cerrito. The Gauchos topped Alameda 3-0 on Oct. 2.

Against Encinal, Berkeley took control of the first game, ringing up the win when Nadia Qabazard ached two straight winners for 15-7.

But the second game was a different matter. After one full rotation, Encinal led just 3-1. A second time through found the Jets edging into an 8-4 advantage.

The Jets were content to add a point or two per serve and won, 15-7.

During the win, Randolph had four kills and one block — the block coming off a Guilliard-Young spike. But mostly, the win was all about countering Guilliard-Young's 6-foot-5 presence

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NCS to
delay
football
playoffs?

Oct. 19 meeting
could push season
back one week

By Joe Stiglich
TIMES STAFF

The Fremont Unified School District has made a request to push the North Coast Section football playoffs back a week so teams can make up games that were postponed due to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

District superintendent Sharon Jones filed the request, according to NCS commissioner Tom Ehrhorn. The NCS Board of Managers will now consider it during its Oct. 19 meeting.

If the request is granted, all games throughout the section that have been canceled for any reason could be made up the weekend of Nov. 16-17. The first round of the playoffs would then take place Nov. 23-24.

Washington-Fremont postponed its game with Foothill on Sept. 15. The Amador Valley/Kennedy-Fremont matchup also was called off.

Foothill coach Matt Sweeney said he would like to make up

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Gauchos notch 1st win

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Cerrito; Berkeley
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By Orlando Molina
TIMES STAFF

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Maltbie staying at NBC

Roger Maltbie will not be taking Ken Venturi's place at CBS next season when Venturi retires.

Rumors that Maltbie will take Venturi's place in the anchor booth have circulated for more than six years now. But Maltbie was emphatic on the driving range at Silverado Country Club last Tuesday.

"I just signed a five-year contract with NBC," Maltbie said. "And that's that."

The rumors were well founded when the story first surfaced in 1995, the first year Venturi gave hints he would retire. "Chirkian contacted me," Maltbie said. "He said he definitely wanted me to work for CBS when Venturi retired."

And Maltbie was intrigued by the offer. Chirkian, the attorney of CBS golf, told Maltbie that Gary McCord would never take Venturi's place in the anchor chair. He said that McCord would always be the No. 1 star on CBS, but he did not belong on the 18th tower.

When Maltbie was offered the job, he did the righteous thing and told his NBC employers about the offer. Dick Ebersol of NBC came back with a generous contract offer to Maltbie.

"CBS never came close to the money NBC offered," Maltbie said. "CBS never raised their offer, thinking the prestige of the job would lure me over. They just said that they don't pay that kind of money. So that did it."

CBS tried to woo Maltbie away from NBC once again, but again they could not match the money NBC was paying Maltbie.

"Now, things changed a few months ago when I was about to turn 50," Maltbie said. "I went to NBC again and told them I was thinking hard about playing the senior tour."

NBC thought about that. What Maltbie wanted was a multi-year contract, something he'd never had before. And

NBC came through with a five-year agreement.



RON SALSIG
Range Rat

"And that about did it for the senior tour," Maltbie said with a laugh. "I'll probably play about six tournaments a year, but that's it. I like my job. Sure, I could have had the anchor job at CBS, and that was quite a thing for the ego. But it was best to just check the ego at the door and remain second banana at NBC, doing a job I really enjoy."

While Maltbie was explaining this, several senior tour players approached him, feigning shock that he was there playing in his first senior event. "Yeah, now don't you feel old," Maltbie told Charlie Cooley.

So many came by to welcome Maltbie that Arnold Palmer, hitting balls nearby, couldn't help but comment.

"Is this open to the public or is this a private exhibition?" Palmer asked.

McCord asked Maltbie how many tournaments he planned to play, and Maltbie said, "I'm gonna play until I fall down ... which may be Thursday."

Several made jokes about Maltbie looking much older than 50, a reference regarding his night habits, which stem from one of the more colorful moments of youth. In his second year on tour, Maltbie won the Pleasant Valley Classic near Boston, then lost the first-place check in a bar that night. They found it on the floor the next morning.

"Trevino told me a couple of years ago the senior tour should give me a card, just because ..." Maltbie joked.

Maltbie makes his debut to-

day in the Transamerica Seniors at Silverado. Sadly, this may be the last Transamerica, among the most popular events on the west coast. The corporation merged with another last year, and the future of senior golf in Napa is in jeopardy.

Delasin: Just three years removed from her last East Bay Junior title, Dorothy Delasin won the most important title of her young career last Sunday in Valleyo at Hiddenbrooke Golf Club.

Delasin started the final round of the Samsung Women's World Championship one stroke ahead of Karrie Webb and Se Ri Pak. The 21-year-old San Francisco golfer from Lincoln Park, who grew up in poverty, stretched the lead to two strokes with a birdie on the first hole.

The next few holes she had trouble with her putting, but that was set right with a smashing 18-foot birdie putt on the 7th hole, which stretched her lead to three.

Pak, who played with Delasin in the final group, came back with birdies on the 8th and 9th, and Delasin had to sink a 7-foot comeback putt on the 9th or the two would have been tied.

But Delasin never relinquished the lead, and Pak had trouble with her putter on the back nine, missing several short putts. By the 18th tee, Delasin led by four.

It was the first time Delasin won with the lead. In her other two victories she had come from behind.

"I tried not to cry but I couldn't help myself," said Delasin, who wept all the way down the final fairway (and she made birdie).

The crowd yelled wildly for Delasin all the way down that final fairway. This was a popular victory.

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playoff-caliber team."

Pushing the playoffs back would also give Berkeley and De Anza a chance to make up their game, which was canceled last Friday because no officials were scheduled for the contest.

"(The request) does create

some challenges trying to reschedule the whole playoffs," Ehrhorn said. "All of that stuff the board has to consider ... Our job is to make it work no matter what (decision is made)."

At press time, it wasn't certain

Berkeley

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again in the fourth game, the fourth game. At first behind 5-1, the Yellow Jackets tied the game 5-5 and led 6-5 on a kill by Gina Colombatto.

The game went back and forth and was tied 11-11 until Encinal got four consecutive

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Arts

Ride along with 'Bandits'

■ Small-town bank robbers work the West Coast and fall for their accidental hostage in this oddly cozy yarn

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Barry Levinson's "Bandits" is a charmer, a road movie that takes us on a real journey, one with actual twists and turns and unexpectedly funny moments.

We start with a series of time shifts, establishing that a pair of bank robbers have just died in a bloody shootout in Los Angeles, then work our way back to the beginnings of the duo's partnership. In flashback, we learn that tough, instinctive Joe (Bruce Willis) and his nebbishy pal Terry (Billy Bob Thornton) escape from an Oregon prison on a whim.

They make their way down the West Coast, stopping in small towns along the way. Targeting the local bank manager, they find his or her home, spend the night, then quietly rob the bank in the morning with the help of the manager. The trip is business for them, part of their plan to fund their retirement in Mexico, but pleasure for us, thanks to the work of cinematographer Dante Spinotti ("The Insider"), who makes Oregon and California look ludicrously beautiful. Keep an eye out for local settings like Tomales, Bodega Bay and the Point Montara Lighthouse hostel.

With the help of their foolish but loyal frontman, Joe's cousin Harvey (the appealing Troy Garity, son of Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden), Terry and Joe earn themselves star status on a television show modeled on "America's Most Wanted." They're dubbed "The Sleepover Bandits," and we see lots of grainy television images of them, including an interview they gave the night before the big shootout in L.A. Levinson's reliance on this easy, familiar storytelling technique is an unfortunate distraction. The characters are so rich, the landscape so big, we don't want to be boxed in by the television set.

In between jobs, Terry accidentally takes a hostage, a lonely housewife named Kate (Cate Blanchett) who quickly warms to the excitement of life on the run and complicates everyone's lives when both men fall in love with her.

Blanchett proved herself versatile in "Elizabeth" and in "The Talented Mr. Ripley." But in "Bandits," we see her in a whole new light; she is a natural physical co-



TERRY (Billy Bob Thornton) and Joe (Bruce Willis) are prison escapees who rob banks and earn the title of "The Sleepover Bandits" on a television crime show.

REVIEW

■ WHAT: "Bandits"
■ STARRING: Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett, Troy Garity
■ RATING: PG-13 (some sexual content, language and violence)
■ RUNNING TIME: 2 hours, 3 minutes
■ WHERE: Opens today at area theaters
■ GRADE: A-

median who just happens to be entrancingly beautiful (Spinotti lights her like a painter in love). Her character, Kate, is a nut, an enormous challenge for an actress. Push the zany button too far and you're detestable to the audience — or worse yet, too obvious in your quest for the Lucille Ball crown of comedy. Someone like TV's Debra Messing on "Will & Grace" is very good, but you're always aware that she's working on it. Her brain manufactures zany like Mars makes candy. Blanchett's version of zany is, in contrast, effortless.

In her introduction to Terry, Kate accidentally whacks him with her Mercedes, stuns him a little, loads him into her car and then drives wildly through the streets of Portland while her GPS chirps directions to the nearest hospital. Terry gets alarmed and asks to be let out. She refuses. "I'll shoot you," she threatens. "Oh, go ahead," she bawls at him, mascara running. That exchange

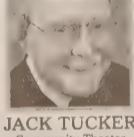
isn't new — in movies we regularly encounter the desperate heroine who has nothing to lose because her life is already lousy. But the way Blanchett delivers that line, you believe it.

It's also tricky to play a woman two very different men are in love with and yet still remain a likable character. In François Truffaut's famous menage-a-trois movie, "Jules and Jim," it's understandable that both Jules and Jim fall in love with Jeanne Moreau's character. She's alluring and mysterious. But staying in love with her? Gracious, no. She's awful. In the much softer, cozier "Bandits," screenwriter Harley Peyton is intent on keeping the object of Joe and Terry's affection appealing to all of us, and Blanchett obliges.

So do her male co-stars. Willis gives a subtle, smooth performance. His Joe is the kind of guy who has always been lucky with

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CCCT farce goes backstage with the two tenors



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

It's opening night of a new season at Contra Costa Civic Theatre. Neat! By happy happenstance — or maybe they planned it this way — the setting for tonight's play is another opening night, that of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company.

But hold it right there! CCCT hasn't gone operatic on us. Yes, there is a tenor. In fact, two of them, more's the pity. Tonight's opener is Ken Ludwig's farce, "Lend Me a Tenor." And the main high notes being hit will be hysterical laughter. This is a very funny show.

The show has made the rounds of the community theater circuit, so it may be familiar. But here's a brief refresher:

Tito Morelli, world-famous tenor, is coming to Cleveland to perform his greatest role, "Otello," as the gala season-opener. His arrival is delayed. When he finally sweeps in, it is too late to rehearse with the tenor.

Tranquillizers! Tranquillizers, for I Stupendous! (as he is ecstastically known to his adoring fans). Alas, in the confusion the star is given a double dose.

Mixed with the booze he has consumed, it's too much and the Great One passes out. Worse yet, Saunders, the opera company general manager, and his assistant, Max, check his pulse and believe he's dead.

What to do? It's almost curtain time. Aha! Max is an aspiring singer and Saunders persuades him to get into Morelli's Otello costume and go out to try to fool the audience into thinking he, Max, is I Stupendous.

This being a typically Ludwigan farce, you know what happens. Max wows them! Or



EMILIE FRYBARGER and Michael Cohen star in "Lend Me a Tenor" at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre.

however opera audiences show their approval.

Meanwhile, Tito comes to realize he's supposed to be on and quickly scrambles into his spare Otello costume.

Now there are two Otellos running around in costume, pursuing two women, each believing she's with the real I Stupendous.

Added a passel of other zany characters, the usual quota of slamming doors and a dollop of mayhem and you have the ingredients of a true sidesplitting farce. Jonathan Bender is directing.

"Lend Me a Tenor" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 17, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 28. Tickets are \$12 general; \$8 for youths age 16 and under. Call 510-524-9132.

STOPPARD FANTASY AT AE: A week from today, Friday,

Oct. 19, Actors Ensemble of Berkeley opens its 45th season with Tom Stoppard's "Travesties." AE describes the play as a witty fantasy about encounters between James Joyce, Lenin and Tristan Tzara, the Dadaist artist in Zurich during World War I. Mikel Clifford is directing.

How in the world did the ever-inventive Stoppard come up with such an unlikely cast of characters and a setting like that?

Well, it seems there's an obscure footnote in Joyce's "Ulysses" about the author's production in Zurich at that time of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Joyce chose a British consular official by the name of Henry Carr to play Algernon. Carr and Joyce had a falling out over money. But that's not the point of the play.

Carr becomes the hero-protagonist and around him swirl these three revolutionary figures. And around them, plus Carr, dance Gwendolyn and Cecily from the "Importance of Being Earnest."

A seemingly tangled web, indeed. But trust Stoppard's way with words to lead us out.

As the London Times said in a review, "One of the great pleasures of the evening is Stoppard's skill in moving in and out of Wilde's dialogue and rewriting it for his own purposes."

"Travesties" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from Oct. 19 through Nov. 17 with one performance on Thursday, Nov. 15, at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. at Berryman, Berkeley. Tickets are \$10. Call 510-528-5620.

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EVENTS

General

Oakland Public Library MAIN BRANCH

Film Screening: "Licensed to Kill,"

award-winning documentary consists of interviews with convicted

murderers. Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

Lawyers of the World, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

125 14th St. (510) 238-3615

DIMOND BRANCH

"Internet Workshops," Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

1915 Franklin Ave. (510) 459-7044

PEMDAY: "Family

Lawyers of the World, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

160 41st St. (510) 597-5011

ROCKRIDGE BRANCH

"Coffee Break R&R," Oct. 20, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A staged play reading with refreshments co-sponsored by Opera Piccola

5366 College Ave. (510) 597-5017

WEST OAKLAND BRANCH

"Chess Workshop for Children,"

Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049

Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or

www.oaklandlibrary.org

Cody's Bookstores — Check for current schedule

Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. and at 2454 Telegraph Ave. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley (510) 845-7852

Marcus Book Store

SPECIAL EVENT

"Book Launch Party," Oct. 13, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. An event for "Best Black Women's Erotica" edited by

Blanche Richardson. With food, entertainment and more. Indigo

Event Center, 1933 Broadway.

Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland (510) 652-2344

Artship Foundation Tuesday Art Series — Presenting artists from a variety of disciplines who discuss their work and process

Oct. 16: Robert Huckaby, portrait artist

Tuesday, 7 p.m. Waterfront Plaza Hotel Conference Room, Jack London Square, 10 Water St., Oakland. (510) 268-4978 or

www.artship.org

Oakland's Historic Downtown Walking Tours — through Oct. 31. The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last about an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.

"First Tuesday Tour." Visit City Hall and learn about its restoration. The tour also visits Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and city administration buildings. Meet at the front steps of City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

SUMMER DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS — through October

Uptown Art Deco to the Lake, Oct. 13. Tour the beautiful Art Deco buildings of Oakland's Broadway business district. Learn the history of the 1930s merchants and marvel at the ornate tile and terra-cotta architecture. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of the Paramount Theater, Broadway and 20th Street.

Historic Churches and Temples, Oct. 17. Visit three historic places of worship and learn about the architecture as well as the influence of the churches in the development of Oakland. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the First Presbyterian Church, Broadway at 27th Street.

Oakland Chinatown, Oct. 20. This bustling Asian center is the fifth largest Chinatown in the United States. Visit the sidewalk markets filled with fresh fish, barbecue duck, exotic fruits and vegetables. Walk through the herb shops and see fresh noodles being made. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza Fountain at Ninth and Webster Streets.

Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3234 or

www.oaklandnet.com

Landmark's Act 1 & 2 Theatre Midnight Movie Series — through Oct. 29

Oct. 13: "The Ghost in the Shell" (1995), directed by Mamoru Oshii.

Anime action and philosophical speculation about technology and humanity.

Oct. 20: "The Princess Bride" (1987), directed by Rob Reiner. An oddball

fairy tale packed with romance, adventure and unusually sized rodents, plus an appearance by Andre the Giant.

2128 Center St., Berkeley. (510) 843-5140

FILM or

www.landmarkTheatres.com

The 15th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition — through Oct. 28. Feat-

uring works by 91 established and

emerging artists and craftspeople

who live or work in Emeryville. Me-

dia include paintings, sculpture,

photographs, ceramics, jewelry

and glass works.

Performances of Nancy Karp and

Dancers' site-specific work "Il Mercato," Oct. 19, noon and Oct. 21

and Oct. 28, 2 p.m.

Free. Oct. 15, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5980

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change
Call theaters for information
Compiled by Hollywood.com

★Wheelchair Accessible
Showtimes for Friday, October 12

Alameda County

Act I & II

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
• *Grateful Dawg* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 9:45

• *Mulholland Drive* (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Avenue, Albany 843-FILM

• *Broad and Tulus* (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 8:50

• *Va Savoir (Who Knows?)* (PG-13) 1:15, 5:00, 8:18

California Theatres

2113 Kimredge Street, Berkeley 843-FILM

Closed for renovation on 10/07/01

Century 16 Bayfair Mall

350 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 481-0123

• *Bandits* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 2:15, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30

• *Corky Romano* (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 1:40, 3:45

5:00, 8:30, 10:15

• *Don't Say a Word* (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30

• *Hardball* (PG-13) 12:05, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35

• *Hearts in Atlantis* (PG-13) noon, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20

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• *Iron Monkey* (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 2:00, 4:05, 6:15, 8:10, 10:15

• *Joy Ride* (R) 12:15, 2:20, 3:30, 4:55, 5:25

7:15, 8:10, 9:30, 10:20

• *Max Keeble's Big Move* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 3:40, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55

• *The Others* (PG-13) 1:40, 6:15, 10:20

• *Rush Hour 2* (PG-13) 1:40 a.m., 3:55, 6:15

• *Serenity* (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:05, 9:35

• *Training Day* (R) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:35, 2:20, 3:05, 3:35, 4:55, 6:00, 7:00, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45

• *Zoolander* (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:05

Century 25 Union City Union Landing

3100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9993

• *Bandits* (PG-13) 11:25 a.m., 12:30, 1:20, 2:15, 3:10, 4:10, 5:05, 5:55, 7:00, 7:55, 8:45, 9:50, 10:40, 11:35

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Events

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American Village Fine Arts And Crafts Fall Fest — Oct. 13 and 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Features: oils, glasswork, collage, photography, jewelry, ceramics, and more.

Nonprofit Business District, 1000 Lake at LaSalle, off Highway 17, Montclair (510) 339-1000, 339-296-1195.

Evening With Studs Terkel! —

7:30 p.m. The Herb Caen San Francisco Chronicle Lecture features the historian and prize-winning author of "Looking: Coming of Age" and "Upcoming: Will the Circle Be Broken?" Hosted by Orville Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, (510) 642-9988 or (415) 392-4400.

The Rabby Chef Competition —

16, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. An "Iron Chef" style cook-off featuring top East Bay chefs competing to create the best crab dish as judged by a panel of local celebrity tasters. "The seafood hors d'oeuvres, a tasting and entertainment by the jazz Ensemble, Afro Haitian Dance Troupe, Concert Chorale and Band. To benefit Berkeley High School Visual & Performing Arts Group. Senator's Fresh Fish Grotto, 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley, (510) 845-7771.

Berkeley Speakers Lecture Series

2001-2002 — Oct. 16, 8 p.m. Bill O'Reilly, host of Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor," and author of *The New York Times* best-selling book by the same name is known for his tough questions and information by liberals and conservatives.2002 to \$330. Berkeley Community Theatre, 1930 Allston Way, Berkeley (510) 343-8001 or www.speakers.net

The Port of Oakland Harbor Tour

Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The tour includes Port history and the Port's expansion plans. Passengers aboard the tour boat will have a chance to see the giant cranes that were delivered last October for renovations. 530 Water St., Oakland, (510) 927-1188 or www.portofoakland.com

Obra & Succulent Show And Sale — Oct. 20 and Oct. 21. The Obra and Succulent Society of California presents this opportunity to purchase rare and exotic plants and to ask questions about plants that may not be doing so well.

Free, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Garden Center, 665 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, (925) 833-0453.

Exhibits

CCJ Gallery — The "Fig," Oct. 18 through Nov. 7. A group exhibition of five Bay area artists.

Art Reception, Oct. 19, 6 p.m. to 8

Bandits

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The ladies. In the midst of a robbery, you practically hear the catch in his throat when he spots a beautiful woman. But she is different. Their romance isn't just about the hunt going for the available woman. She makes him laugh, loosens him up. He actually wants her, and he's not sure whom to root for. Both he and Terry need Kate, for utterly different reasons. There's a bit of Levinson's

Free. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 843-2527 or www.acci.citysearch.com

Alice Arts Center —

"Windows Exhibition II Series," through March 28. This series of exhibitions features works by 24 Bay area artists shown in the front windows of the Center. The media include sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, photography, painting and woodblock prints. Sponsored by the City of Oakland Craft and Cultural Arts Department.

Through Oct. 28: Works by George Chen, Lynne Prather and Tomoko Murakami.

Free. Daily, 14 hours, 1428 Alice St., Oakland, (510) 238-4948.

Arden Gallery —

"Architects of the Information Age," through Nov. 10. An exhibit by Ezra Li Eismont.

Reception, Oct. 13, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 709 Broadway, Oakland, (510) 836-0831 or www.art-lio.com

Artschip Foundation —

"Tuesday Art Series," Tuesday, 7 p.m. Presenting artists from a variety of disciplines who discuss their work and processes.

Oct. 16: Robert Hukaby, portrait artist.

Free. Oakland, Conference Room,

Waterfront Plaza Hotel 10 Water St., Jack London Square, (510) 268-4978 or www.artship.org

Berkeley Art Center —

"The Whole World's Watching," through Dec. 16. A documentary photo exhibit examining the history of the social movements of the 1960s and 1970s.

Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley, (510) 644-5893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org

California College Of Arts And Crafts —

"Utopia Now!" through Dec. 1. A group exhibition presenting both practical and radical approaches to transforming urban and social environments.

Free. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Olive Art Center, Oakland Campus, 5210 Broadway, Oakland, (415) 551-9210 or www.ccac-art.edu

Chi Gallery —

Ademola Olugebefola and Vincent Smith, through Nov. 10. An exhibit of etchings and monoprints.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 912A Clay St., Oakland, (510) 832-4244.

Creative Growth Art Center —

"Out of Line," closing Oct. 12. An exhibit of drawings by Kerry Dannanakes and Dan Miller.

Free. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland, (510) 836-2340 or www.creativegrowth.org

The 15th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibition — through Oct. 28. Featuring works by 91 established and emerging artists and craftspeople

who live or work in Emeryville. Included are paintings, sculpture, photographs, ceramics, jewelry and glass works.

SPECIAL EVENTS —

"Il Mercato," Oct. 19 at noon and Oct. 21 and Oct. 28, 2 p.m. Performances of Nancy Karp and Dancers' site-specific work. Free. Daily, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5980 Horton St., Sixth Floor, Emeryville, (510) 652-6122 or www.emeryvillearts.org

Graduate Theological Union —

"Holocaust Drawings," Oct. 15 through Jan. 25. An exhibit of 21 works on paper by Cleve Gray, representing a "catharsis" in which color invites consideration of the Holocaust in ways unattainable through words or text.

"Jesus, This Is Your Life — Stories and Pictures by Kids," through Nov. 16. An exhibit of original artwork created by children ages 4 to 12 in a workshop led by Jeff Kunkel.

Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, (510) 649-2541.

Hall Of Pioneers Gallery —

"Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," open-ended. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland, (510) 530-4590.

Kala Art Institute —

"The Identity Project Show," Oct. 13 and Oct. 14. In conjunction with the San Francisco Art Institute, Kala presents the works of young Bay area artists who participated in a summer program on the concept of identity.

Reception, Oct. 14, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"Inside Editions," closing Oct. 12.

Honoring nine artists from around the world who have worked at Kala over the last decade.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley, (510) 549-2977 or www.kala.org

New Pieces Quilt Shop Gallery —

"Quilts from Glorious Patchwork 1 and 2," through Nov. 1. A show of works by Kaffe Fassett.

Free. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley, (510) 527-6779 or www.new-pieces.com

Nexus Gallery —

CLOSING — "Verging On..." closing Oct. 17. An exhibition based on the synergy among artists, with works by Claudia Alvarez, Diana Archila, Andrea Boeck, Mary Jones, Miel Paredes, Stacey Speyer and Natalie Tyler.

Free. Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 2707 Eighth St., Berkeley, (510) 469-5468.

Oakland Art Gallery —

"An Oakland Metaphor: Hidden Treasures, the Pardee Artists," through Nov. 3. An exhibit featuring artists who worked in the Wetmore Pardee Building, including those

not enlightenment. It's poignant enough so you start to hope for the trio's future. But you can't, because hanging over the film is the seed planted in the opening act that Terry and Joe are going to die. It's an emotional road-block, but Levinson handles it deftly. He toyed with us in "Rain Man," using Dustin Hoffman's mental illness to break our hearts. It was cheap manipulation, but well-done. Suffice it to say, he manipulates us again in "Bandits," but you don't feel dirty afterward.

Mee has taken "Orestes"

who worked in the Crown Point Press Oakland Studio

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; third Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lionel Wilson Building, Ground Floor, 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, (510) 637-0395 or www.oaklandculturalarts.org

City Of Oakland Craft And Cultural Arts Gallery —

"Steel Dreams," through Oct. 26. An exhibit of painted metal sculptures by Joyce Slusky.

Slide-Lecture Presentation, Oct. 18, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. State of California Office Bldg., 1515 Clay St., Oakland, (510) 238-6952.

Oakland Museum Of California —

The museum's Professional Services department presents exhibitions to two auxiliary venues.

"Alex Mitchell: New Works," through Nov. 9. Presented by the museum's Professional Services department. In the lobby of 1945 Broadway. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Essence of Place," through Oct. 26.

An exhibit of works by Mitchell Johnson. Presented by the museum's Professional Services department. In the lobby of the Latham Square Building, 1611 Telegraph Ave. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free. Oakland, (510) 238-3843, (888) OAK-MUSE or www.museumca.org

Proarts —

"Census 2000: Asian Pacific Islander Americans," closing Oct. 13. This exhibit features Asian Pacific Islander American artists in roughly the demographic proportions indicated by a recent study claiming that Asian and Pacific Islander Americans comprise the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States.

Free. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 461 Ninth St., Oakland, (510) 763-4361 or www.proarts.org

Pusod —

"Colored: Black'n White — Filipinos in American Popular Media, 1896-1907," through Oct. 31. An exhibit of political cartoons and newspapers.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1808 Fifth St., Berkeley, (510) 883-1808

Richmond Art Center —

"Mastermind," through Nov. 9. Works by selected graduates from the 10 Master of Fine Arts programs in the greater Bay area. In the Main Gallery.

"Marianne Kolb: Solo Exhibition," through Nov. 9. Recent paintings from the "Monk Series" in the South Gallery.

"The Way Our Hands See," through Nov. 9. Recent works by Richmond Art Center's ART10 teen artists. In the Community Gallery.

"The Art of Healing/The Healing Of," through Nov. 9. Six printmakers explore the relationship between art and the healing process.

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AN UNSETTLING

'ORESTES': 'Orestes' by Charles L. Mee, directed by Christopher Herold, continues tonight, tomorrow and Sunday, closing with three performances on the same three days next weekend. Shows start at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

The UC Berkeley Department of Theater, Dance and Performance Studies production is presented in the Zellerbach Playhouse on campus. Tickets are \$12 general admission; \$8 for faculty and staff; \$6 for seniors and students.

This is an unsettling play to watch and hear. Its language, brutally frank and gratingly coarse at times, contrasts with the elaborate upscale serenity of Kate Edmund's scenic design: a classic white mansion facade facing a trim green lawn, incongruously set with four hospital beds, emblematic of a sick society.

Clip 'N Save: Finally today, a handy guide to the new fall network TV series:

New shows definitely worth a look

"Scrubs" (Tuesday, NBC);

"Philly" (Tuesday, ABC); "The Agency" (Thursday, CBS); "The Education of Max Bickford" (Sunday, CBS).

Close call (Watch if nothing better is on)

"Alias" (Sunday, ABC);

"Crossing Jordan" (Monday, NBC); "Star Trek: Enterprise" (Wednesday, UPN); "Inside Schwartz" (Thursday, NBC);

"Pasadena" (Friday, Fox);

"Danny" (Friday, CBS);

"Thieves" (Friday, ABC);

New series to avoid

"UC: Undercover" (Sunday, NBC); "Emeril" (Tuesday, NBC); "Bob Patterson" (Tuesday, ABC); "According to Jim" (Wednesday, UPN); "Wolf Lake" (Friday, CBS); "Reba" (Friday, WB); "Maybe It's Me" (Friday, WB).

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In the Community Gallery

SPECIAL EVENTS Mastermind Artists' Talks, Oct. 20, 2 p.m.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, (510) 620-6772 or www.themichondramcenter.org

Royal Ground Gallery —

"In The Zone," through Jan. 1. Feat-

uring art work by Kay Athos, Joyce Bileen, Carol Jones Brown, Mei-Yu Lo, Lynda Robinson, Rita Sargent-Simon, Shirley Warwick and Elizabeth Zuckerman. An exhibit of paintings, paper pieces, mixed media, photography, wall reliefs and sculpture

Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, (510) 339-0348

San Francisco Museum Of Modern Art

"Revelatory Landscapes," closing Oct. 14. An exhibit of five site-specific projects around the Bay area drawing attention to typically unseen landscape zones on the edge of the urban scene

Seventh and Perata Streets, Oakland: "Landscape in Blue — Entropy in the Landscape." Hood Design will position a series of benches describing the historical changes at the intersection, once known for its vibrant jazz and blues scene before construction of the U.S. Post Office and the West Oakland BART there

Interstate 80 and University Avenue, Berkeley: "Coast-lines." The Tom Leiter Studio will install a series of black screens that relate to the alignments of the area, from geological faults and rail lines to municipal designations

Free. A map with specific directions is available at SFMOMA, (415) 947-1292 or www.sfmoma.org/landscape

Traywick Gallery —

"In Through The Outdoors," Oct. 20 through Nov. 24. A group exhibition focusing on photography and related media including sculpture and video.

Opening Reception, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Amy Kaufman, closing Oct. 13. Recent paintings and works on paper by the Bay area artist.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1316 Tenth St., Berkeley, (510) 527-1214 or www.traywick.com

Outdoors

Aquatic Outreach Institute —

"The 12th Annual Creeks, Wetlands and Watersheds Conference," Oct. 13 through Nov. 17. A series of workshops covering topics such as

gardening for wildlife, hands-on creek restoration techniques, restoration gardening and marsh canoeing.

Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: "Gar-

dening with East Bay Native Plants." A hands-on workshop touching on many aspects of restoration gardening

\$25 to \$35. Berkeley, (510) 231-5778, (510) 231-2314 or www.aoinst.org

Brooks Island —

"Intro to Kayaking and Tour Combo

Brooks Island," Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A guided, instructional trip to Brooks Island. For age 13 and up. Registration required. \$70 to

\$78. Just off the Richmond Inner Harbor, Richmond, (510) 636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

Greenbelt Alliance Outings —

A series of hikes, bike rides and events

sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's non-profit land con-

servation and urban planning organization. Call for meeting places.

Reservations required for all trips.

ALAMEDA COUNTY —

"BART to Vommer Park," Oct. 13,

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Explore a creek flowing through the Berkeley campus and ascend into the wild

University of California open space.

Difficulty: challenging. Distance: 10 miles. Elevation gain: 1,000 to 2,000 feet

etary.

The squeamish will squirm at

this dark and troubling almost

two-hour production without in-

termission. But to quote Herold again, "The fact that we are doing

in it in this particular way" —

referring to the aftermath of the

terror attack — "seems hopeful to me."

Freedom of expression, re-

gardless of the direction it takes, is a heritage to cherish and pro-

tection.

Send items of interest to Jack

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262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@cc-times.com, or call 510 262-2768.

Include a contact name and number

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatricCare at 531-7551.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 2 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3 1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as

space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Lane. For more information, call Jude, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Group meets the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at famlyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations, and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to lhcinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rat's", Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 683-7023 for additional information.

Community

Neighborhood Parents network presents a panel discussion and fair for North Oakland and Berkeley area preschools from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 at the College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Ave., in Oakland. The event offers an opportunity for discussion for par-

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ents seeking information about their neighborhood preschools and offers tools to help navigate the application process. Admission: \$5 for NPN members and \$10 for non members. For more information about NPN or the fair, call 527-6667 or visit the Web site at www.parentnet.org.

Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto, Diablo Magazine, Pacific Seafood and Southern Wine & Spirits, hosts the Crabby Chef Competition from 4 p.m. to 5

p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the Spenger's parking lot, 1919 Fourth St. in Berkeley. The "Iron Chef" style cook-off will feature top East Bay chefs competing to create the best crab dish as judged by a panel of local celebrity tasters. Immediately following the competition there will be a fund-raising reception with the \$25 per person donation benefiting the Visual and Performing Arts Group of Berkeley High School. A 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. reception,

held indoors at Spenger's, will include seafood hors d'oeuvre, tasting with 10 wines and entertainment. Tickets for the fund-raising reception will be held at the door and reservations, which are recommended, can be made by e-mailing robertg@spengers.com or by calling Spenger's at 845-7777.

El Cerrito Democratic Club's annual dinner takes place at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Miravista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd.,

just below Arlington Ave. Former assemblyman Bob Campbell will speak about changes in politics, in the assembly, Campbell represented portions of West Contra Costa and was an expert on state and budget. State Senator Tom and Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher have also been invited. For more information, call 527-2881.

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Passed away on September 30, 2001 at the age of 77 at Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo after a long illness. Born April 16, 1924 in Pomona, California. Mr. King was a teacher with the West Contra Costa School District for 38 years. He served as a Chief Petty officer in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a graduate of Stanford University. He was a member of the Ft. Bragg Presbyterian Church, the Sierra Club, and the Democratic Central Committee. He loved to write poetry. He walked 5-10 miles a day along the Medocino Coast. He raised roses, 102 different varieties and would pass them out to everyone he would see. His survivors are Daughters Susan (Jimmy) Mack of New England and Barbie (Janie) Guzzo of Vacaville; sons Andy of Albany, Greg of New York City; David (Barbara) of Castro Valley Doug of Iowa; Jim (Terry) of Washington. Sister Betty Tokleson of So. California and Pat Weathers of Colton. He had 16 grand children. Arrangements are under the direction of Colonial Chapels, Vallejo, CA. Private family services were held. In lieu of flowers contributions to Sierra Club Attn: Memorial Fund, 85 2nd St. 2nd floor, San Francisco, CA 94105.

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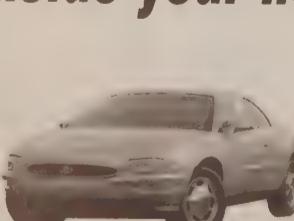
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The Jazzschool, 2375 Shattuck Ave., presents the Frank Martin Band, at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14. Admission is \$6-12. For reservations or more information, call 845-5373 or visit the Web site at www.jazzschool.com.

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UC Berkeley's Department of Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies presents the play *Charles & Mees Orestes*, through Oct. 21, at the Zellerbach Playhouse, 101 Dwinelle Annex. *Orestes* is a thrilling adaptation

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Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

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Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., present "A Taste of the World: Cultural Under-standing Through Food," 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, through Nov. 1. Experience the cuisine's of Spain, Portugal, Italy, Morocco and Israel with Chef Daniel Hershovik. Each week, Chef Daniel prepares classic regional dishes while enhancing your cooking skills and understanding of indigenous ingredients. All classes are hands on and feature authentic fare. Cost: \$25 per class includes meal and cooking lesson. To register, call Daniel Hershovik at 655-8487.

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to

11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. For more information, call Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Vista Community College, 2020 Milita St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

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The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnasiums and Hip Hop enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

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By Susan Rich

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Evaluating the ability of builders or



Tim MacDonald enjoys a conversation with a resident in the community's elegant living room.

management companies operating senior living communities is a task that is most often left to the adult children, who are faced with a parent in need of socialization or care related services.

Making a decision for a parent or loved one is difficult because it involves a reversal of roles. Parenting a parent is possibly one of the most stressful experiences of our lives, and often happens when we are least prepared.

While some seniors are physically fit and able to meet their daily needs, many

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Generation Gap: Olds' Bravada takes SUV luxury road. [D4]

VERN PARKER
Classic Classics

1965 Mercury Park Lane Hills dream

Richard Cardinale can still recall those days 35 years ago in Westerly, R.I., when he and the girl he'd courted would miss the school bus in Windsor Hill Elementary School. It's when the girl's mother would drive them both to school in a Mercury with the "Breezeway" window. Life doesn't get any better than that.

Cardinale has never forgotten that Mercury with the rear window that actually rolled down. In 1988, Cardinale decided to fulfill his dream and purchase a "Breezeway" Mercury. He insisted on the top-of-the-line model, and the price had to be ridiculously low. His 18-month search took him throughout the country.

One of the last Mercurys he examined was in Milwaukee. It was a disappointment that he was not ready to abandon the hunt. He could have listened to the advice offered by Dorothy in the "Wizard of Oz" because he found happiness in his own back yard.

Four days after returning home to Virginia, Cardinale found a 1965 Park Lane for sale, less than 50 miles from his home. He bought it the minute he saw it in August 2000.

It either the fourth or fifth owner, Cardinale said. The 3,968-mile Mercury was built on Oct. 27, one of the first 1965 models.

Os Moines, Iowa, couple had purchased the car new. It car-

base price of \$3,369 and was

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DODGE NEON for 2002 has been redesigned to be roomier and quieter, with a more upscale look inside.

Dodge Neon: more than adequate little economy car

PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

The compact car market represents more than 2 million units sold each year. The Dodge Neon, the company's small car, is sold in 61 countries and for 2002, receives moderate updates.

It comes in Base, Sporty R/T, SCCA race-ready ACR, up-level ES and its best-seller, our SE tester for this week.

Outside: Neon was redesigned in 2000, giving it a more mature look. Up front is a stylized version of the original Neon's nose, keeping its original mission of perkiness.

Oval headlights, set back into the corners of the hood and fenders, are integrated into the front end. The short hood slopes upward to the inclined windshield, over the rounded roof line and back to the stubby trunk lid.

Structural fundamentals have been improved, and with additions such as full window frames with improved sealing features, it's quieter and serves up less rainwater when you open the door to climb inside.

Bolt-on steel wheel covers are standard, though our tester was fitted with optional five-spoke alloys.

TOM HAGIN
Solo Road Test

Inside: Neon's redesign brought with it a larger interior. Slightly more shoulder and hip room all around are a result of a wider overall size, though squeezing five inside will refresh the memory that this is a compact.

The pronounced downward drop in the rear roof line cuts into headroom in the back seat, so riders back there will want to remove their hats.

The overall look of the interior is luxurious. Appearing as if it's a scaled-down version of Dodge's larger, more upscale LH sedan.

The instrument panel is covered in a soft-touch material and offers large gauges that are deeply set into a hooded pod. Large, simple-to-operate stereo buttons control the six-speaker sound system.

Fit and finish details are finally top-notch, with seams that are uniform and seemingly rattle-free.

A 60/40 split folding rear seat gives ample storage for occasional

long items. Storage cubbyholes and cupholders are liberally supplied.

On the Road: Neons can be had with one of two engines. The first, offered only in the R/T and competition slanted ACR, is a dual overhead cam 2.0-liter inline four with 150 horsepower and 135 pound-feet of torque.

The rest of the Neon line, including our SE tester, has a single-cam, 16-valve version of the same engine and produces 132 horses with 130 pound-feet of torque.

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Toyota Camry is best selling sedan in the U.S.

PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

Brendan: The Toyota Camry is another one of those cars that we've never been assigned to check out, Mikele, so I was looking forward to getting behind the wheel of one for a week.

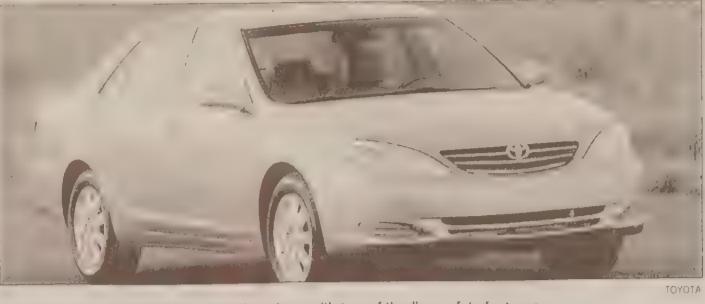
It's been the best-selling car in the country for the past four years and at around 400,000 units sold last year, it outsold its closest competitor by nearly 20,000 vehicles.

My dad wrote up the first Camry back in '83 and even then it was hard for him to find anything that

BRENDAN/MIKELE HAGIN
Gender Gap

wasn't right. He called it the perfect small car for a small family.

But at 3,300 pounds, I don't think the '02 XLE version of the Camry can be called small anymore. The platform of last year's model had been basically unchanged during the previous 10 years but this new model is longer, wider and taller than before and ac-



TOYOTA

TOYOTA CAMRY XLE is large and luxurious with top-of-the-line safety features.

cording to the press kit, it has considerably more interior room than the last version.

The XLE is the luxury model of the lineup and our V-6-powered tester had almost all the bells-and-whistles in the Toyota repertoire. It's a leather upholstered boulevard cruiser that comes very close to being a luxury car.

Mikele: You know what a bug I am about safety, Brendan, so I really appreciated the safety items on our XLE. It had a skid control system that automatically applies individual braking power on any wheel if the car gets out of line, a traction control device that reduces wheel spin during acceleration and a brake assisting program that takes over if the driver doesn't apply

enough pedal pressure to fully take advantage of the anti-lock braking system.

It has side airbags that drop down to help protect passengers in the back seats as well as the front in the event of a side impact.

The front airbags operate on a couple of different modes. If a frontal impact is relatively mild, the bags inflate at a lesser rate, but if the impact is more harsh, they inflate faster.

Brendan: There are two other versions of the '02 Camry, the XL model which is as close as you can come to an entry-level, and the SE which is a return to the concept of a sporting Camry.

The SE suspension is tighter and the steering is pumped up a

bit to give its driver more road feel at highway speed.

To differentiate the SE from the other Camrys, it was given a different grille, fog lights and a couple of other cosmetic differences. To make sure its stiffer suspension updates can be utilized to their fullest, Toyota even added some bolt-on modifications such as an auxiliary front strut tower support.

The 192-horse V-6 that was in our fancy XLE model is a holdover and does the same quiet job it's done in the past, but Toyota seems to be particularly proud of the 2.4-liter four-banger that's also available in the Camry. It's all new and puts out 157 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque.

It can be had in all three of the

Camrys and it's the only one that can be ordered with a five-speed stick shift.

Toyota marketers estimate the four-cylinder will be the busier automatic is going to account for two-thirds of all the Camrys in '02. There are so many transmission and trim combinations to suit buyers can tailor-make a car to suit their individual needs and tastes.

Mikele: And the air has a list of standard features that include air conditioning and all the usual extras. The option package that came on our test model included leather upholstery, front seats, a hotshot sound system and a moon roof.

It's kind of a pricey package, \$4,300, but this is no option car. But at \$1,100, options like skid control and computer-assisted braking are being

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Mikele: Brendan is very proud of you. Usually when you notice about the Camry, is that the driver's seat is for you, how cool the seat is and what color pants the outside.

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TOYOTA CAMRY XLE

Suggested Retail

Price as Tested

Engine Type

Engine Size

Horsepower

Torque

Transmission

Curb Weight

Fuel Capacity

Tires

Brakes

Drive Train

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Source of 'check' light should be found

PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

Q I have a 1993 Mercury Grand Marquis that has 140,000 miles. It has had good care and been well maintained.

Every 2,500 miles it gets its oil changed, a new oil filter and a grease job. It runs good and drives good.

I have taken it to the garage every time something goes wrong but it seems that after I get it out, it isn't long before something else goes wrong. I have put on new brakes, one sensor, new spark plugs and new spark plug wires.

I have put new sensors in both manifolds.

Now a light above the

BOB HAGIN
Questions and Answers

speedometer comes on when I drive from 20 to 30 mph. If I drive more than 50 mph the light comes on sooner. How do I get this Check Engine light to turn off?

I can pull over, turn off the ignition switch, turn it right back on and the light is off. But when I drive on, it comes back on.

Also, when it changes gears at 30 to 40 mph, the car will quiver a bit.

H.H., Millbrook, Ill.

A The Check Engine light on your Mercury indicates that something in your engine may be

wrong but it takes a mechanic with an electronic tester to determine where the problem lies.

The tester plugs into your car's electronic system and then gives the mechanic a specific signal as to where the problem may be.

This doesn't fix the problem, it only gives him a clue as to where to look. If you haven't had your transmission serviced, it's time to do so the mechanic can tell if something is going wrong with it.

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Solo

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Evolutionary changes over the years have reduced noise, vibration and harshness to levels on par with the imported sub-compacts. Power delivery is impressive, with quick throttle response and a 0-60 mph time of around eight seconds.

This is with a standard five-speed manual transmission, so expect slightly slower acceleration with the optional, and newly-available, four-speed automatic. Until 2001, Dodge offered only an anemic three-speed to buyers wanting an automatic.

Freeway passing is unstressed since maximum power comes relatively low in the engine's rpm range.

Behind the Wheel: Its stiff unit construction provides a solid platform and each successive Neon model year has brought with it improvements in handling and drivability.

The MacPherson strut suspension was reworked for 2000, with more suspension travel, an increased ride height, lower-rate springs and revised shock valving, all in an effort to produce a smoother ride.

Also added were tighter bushings for the front anti-roll bar, while an addition of a rear stabilizer bar on base model Neons has improved handling characteristics.

The rack-and-pinion steering system is precise enough to provide quick turn-in and response, and years of improvements made with the race-ready Neon ACR have filtered down into the street versions.

DODGE NEON SE

Suggested Retail

Price as Tested

Engine Type

Engine Size

Horsepower

Torque

Transmission

Curb Weight

Fuel Capacity

Wheelbase

Tires

Brakes

Drive Train

Vehicle Type

Mileage

*Sequential multi-port fuel injection

BREEZEWAY rear

windshield is highlight

of 1965 Mercury

Park Lane, whose

purchase was

culmination of a

35-year dream.

Classic

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one of 8,335 such models manufactured.

The new Mercury, looking longer than its actual 18-foot length, rolled out of the showroom on 8.15x15-inch B.F. Goodrich Silvertown white sidewall tires.

Through all those owners, the mileage was kept in check. Even now the odometer reads less than 12,800 miles. The Mercury had been driven only 11,680 miles when Cardinale bought it. "When it turns 13,000 miles, I'm going to light a candle," Cardinale said.

The highlight of the car is the Breezeway rear window. The window and the two sidelights are all framed by chrome. The two backup lights are incorporated in the bumper. Below the bumper the dual exhausts protrude.

Above the rear bumper, the enormous trunk is exposed when the equally huge lid is raised. The trunk has a tier above the rear axle where the spare tire is stashed out of the way. For a top-of-the-line car, Cardinale said, his car is rather Spartan.

It is not equipped with a number of common accessories, but it does have the most expensive option — air conditioning.

Since buying the car, Cardinale has acquired a salesman's book with paint chips of all the colors available in 1965. "You know," he said, "I think I would have ordered the same ocean turquoise it is."

The big car is equipped with acces-

series, including AM radio, power steering and remote-control mirror.

Additionally, Cardinale points out, the door panels, "There is an abundance of wood-grain trim." When either of the doors is opened, two lights in the door are illuminated — a red one to allow traffic a door was open and a blue one to highlight the ground beneath the door. "They did a great job of styling," Cardinale said.

Since acquiring the car he has changed only the fluids, belts and the hoses. The car still has the original wiring, points, plugs and distributor that he has any intention of driving in the rain, but Cardinale is pleased he is equipped with two-speed wipers with an intermittent feature.

The King-size Mercury rides on a 1-inch wheelbase, which would almost classify it as a limousine in today's market.

Beneath the flight-deck-size hood is a Super Marauder 390-cid V-8 engine fed by a four-barrel carb from a 21-gallon gas tank. While Cardinale is pleased that the engine produces horsepower, he is aware it also delivers a mileage of about 10 miles per gallon.

Sitting behind the two-spoke center steering wheel on his chrome decked "Breezeway" Mercury from days, Cardinale happily said, "I've depended all the rules in those days."

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Auto dealers yield to NFL request to move 2002 Super Bowl



BUD HAGAN

ing deals.

Ford hassles Land Rover: The Ford Motor Company doesn't like red ink and lost sales, especially when it involves its leadership in the sport-utility field. Witness its fanatical defense of its Explorer in the Firestone tire debacle.

In its high-rolling days just a few years ago, Ford bought Land Rover, that venerated SUV icon from England. Ford bought Land Rover from BMW, which itself had been losing lots of deutsche-marks on Land Rover.

But while the SUV market rose considerably last year, Land Rover lost its already minuscule share during the same period and this year looks to be even worse.

Recently Land Rover became part of Ford's Premier Group of carriage-trade vehicles (Lincoln, Jaguar, Aston-Martin) and now the parent company wants to see a return on its investment. It wants better product quality, reliability and durability.

One fly in the Land Rover U.S.

ointment is the fact that many dealers have invested heavily in upscale stand-alone showroom facilities and Ford's Premier Group plan is to combine much of its operational on-site services with branching display areas.

Market experts say that Land Rover is at least five years away from meeting Ford's expectations.

Graying of auto workers: Last year, the average age of Lincoln buyers was in the low 60s, while Cadillac buyers were several years their seniors.

The average age of a qualified auto mechanic in this country is over 50 and getting older meaning that young guys aren't getting in to the trade to replace those old-timers who leave it.

The same graying scenario is being played out on American assembly lines where the new vehicles are built.

The average age of a worker on the General Motors line is 48 and rising. Ford and DaimlerChrysler are

both a bit lower at 44, then comes Nissan and Mercedes-Benz (yes, they make their SUVs here), and to Toyota, where the average is 35 years of age.

The gradual aging of industrial workers doesn't have much to do with productivity, but it has a lot to do with the bottom line of a corporation as retirement time comes around. Currently, there are almost three retired GM workers for each working hourly employee.

Transplant companies (import brands that have assembly plants here) generally have younger workers hired when the plants were new and at the time, they were collectively less interested in retirement than in high wages and health benefits.

But as it happens to all of us, Father Time is dogging their tracks.

Big brother and the black box: We recently came across a story regarding black box recording devices that were put into rental cars. After the cars were returned, the renters

were charged extra if evidence of speeding and other recordable traffic offenses showed up.

One speeder sued and won his case citing self-incrimination and invasion of privacy. He won. Now the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is looking into the feasibility of installing black box recorders in new vehicles sold here.

One of the claims is that when data recorders are installed in fleet vehicles, their drivers drive more cautiously, knowing their infractions are there to be seen. Safety experts state that highway accident patterns can be better studied if events leading up to the collisions can be evaluated.

A spokesman for the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers said that greater use of black boxes in cars and trucks is all but inevitable. Prior to the attacks on the U.S. on Sept. 11, such intrusions into our private lives would have raised a great outcry, but now it doesn't seem so remote a possibility.

Auto dealers yield to NFL request to move 2002 Super Bowl
Sept. 11, the schedule of the next Super Bowl was totally disrupted. The Super Bowl is also scheduled for New Orleans but to accommodate the disrupted playing schedule, the NFL requested that the NADA reschedule its convention to the week before so that events surrounding Super Bowl XXXVI could take place the week of Jan. 27 through Feb. 3, with the game on Feb. 3.

After due consideration, the NADA decided that they didn't want to face an angry mob of football fans and moved their convention to the earlier date. Car dealers are famous for making

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MATT/BOB HAGIN
Generation Gap

Bravada represents last of Olds' lineage

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Matt: Oldsmobile has been around a long time and until the advent of the car-branded sport/utility vehicle, the company hasn't put out a commercial vehicle of any kind — unless you count police cars and taxi cabs.

But back in '91, Oldsmobile began putting its logo on the omnipresent General Motors mid-sized SUV and labeled it Bravada.

Basically, it was the same machine that was on the showroom floors of other General Motors brands — same V-6 motor, same suspension system, same truck chassis.

The difference between the Bravada and its corporate clones was that the Olds was trimmed-out to be a luxury version and not intended to be taken into the boondocks on fishing trips.

It didn't have a low-range transfer case or any driver-controlled drive line systems. Its strong point was luxury winter cruising, where ample ground clearance was a plus during wet, nasty weather and where it didn't need any driver input to keep the truck on the straight and narrow.

Bob: And the '02 Bravada still follows that formula, Matt. It's built for comfortable cruising rather than for bone-jarring jaunts through creek beds and over fire trails.

The frame of the new Bravada is a ladder-type unit that's as sturdy as a tank and holds the front and rear suspension systems exactly in the alignment parameters that the engineers designed.

The front suspension on our all-wheel drive Bravada is a coil spring system that has more deflection range than the old design, and the solid rear axle is located by trailing links and a panhard rod.

In order to give it a boulevard ride, Olds engineers utilized an air-bladder type rear springing medium that incorporates an onboard air pump. As the cargo and passenger

loads increase and the rear end sags, the bladders are automatically inflated to level out the chassis.

Matt: The all-wheel-drive system on the Bravada is always in operation. Under normal conditions, only the rear wheels are powered, but if the computer picks up front-to-rear wheel spin, power goes to all the wheels. The system stays in all-wheel-drive until the computer doesn't detect any further loss of grip.

All Bravadas carry a lock-up differential in back and there's an optional 411 rear axle ratio available if the owner wants to do some serious trailer towing.

The most exciting thing about the new Bravada is its new engine.

The old V-6 concept is gone and the new powerplant is a 4.2-liter straight-six that's all aluminum and has dual overhead cams that push on four valves per cylinder. It puts out 270 horses, which is 80 more than the antiquated pushrod 4.3-liter V-6 that it replaces.

The Olds PR people say that it puts out as much power as a V-8 of the same size but gets lots better fuel mileage.

Bob: The interior of the Bravada is very luxurious and the option list on our tester included an upscale

sound system and a glass sun roof. But it's strictly a five-seater in that there isn't even an optional third-row seat offered.

I don't think that third-row seats are used very often in SUVs unless they're used for Little League transportation but it's a big selling point for vehicles in this segment.

I'm told that even though this new Bravada is longer than its predecessor, it's going to take a stretched version at some future date to provide enough room for that extra seat in the back.

Matt: On the highway, the Bravada does a great job of smooth cruising but on sweeping turns, it gets a little sway going that's hard to correct.

There's no sports suspension option available but other versions of this mid-sized SUV offered by other GM brands have stuff like this available.

The Bravada is definitely the country-club luxury version of the design.

Bob: But there must be a bit of the old Oldsmobile performance panache in the Bravada, Matt. For the first time in history, an SUV truck was the pace car at the Indy 500 and it was a Bravada.

2002 OLDSMOBILE BRAVADA

Suggested Retail	\$34,167
Price as Tested	\$36,877
Engine Type	DOHC 24-valve 4.2-liter 16 V/S/MFI*
Engine Size	256 cid/4157 cc
Horsepower	270 @ 6,000 rpm
Torque	275 @ 3,600 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Curb Weight	4,637 pounds
Fuel Capacity	18.7 gallons
Tires	(F/R) P255/60R17
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Vehicle Type	Five-passenger/five-door
Mileage	City/highway 15/21
0-60 mph	8.5 seconds

*Sequential multi-port fuel injection

QnA

FROM PAGE D2

Q I drive a 2001 Eagle Talon with a five-speed transmission and all-wheel-drive. I would like to know if I can have a Class I trailer hitch installed.

The car only has 53,000 miles on it and I keep it in good condition. My intention is to haul a light 14-foot sail boat and a tent trailer as well.

Since I bought it used there wasn't an owner's manual included. After looking under the rear end, it appears that it is physically possible to attach a hitch if it's done by an experienced hitch shop.

What I don't know is if whether the all-wheel-drive would disallow the addition.

F.W., Big Bear City, Calif.

A According to friends who operate a well-known string of trailer hitch and camper shell shops, you won't have any problem using your all-wheel-drive Eagle for light-duty towing but you shouldn't go over around 5,000 pounds.

If anything, all-wheel drive is an asset in towing your boat.

Having power delivered to all four wheels when pulling a small boat up a launching ramp is a plus but you have to be careful about contaminating the rear differential, drive shafts and brakes if they inadvertently become submerged.

These items are often ignored during regular maintenance and having had to blast apart rear brake systems that had become rusted to the point of non-operation, I've seen the results first-hand.

Also, make sure that you always use tires that have exactly the same diameter as each other.

Mismatched tires put a strain on all-wheel-drive units and especially so if they're used for towing.

Q Our 1996 Honda Civic LX sedan has about 70,000 miles and is past the factory warranty period. When we bought it new, we didn't buy an extended warranty but now we wish we had.

Not long ago, our automatic transmission started to act up. It shifts very hard and we're afraid that something will eventually break.

Does our transmission have to be taken out and be overhauled?

R.C., San Antonio, Texas

A I've read about this problem and according to a Honda service bulletin, the first step is to have a rather complex five-step transmission flush using factory automatic transmission fluid.

It also involves replacing a contaminated transmission solenoid. It's a not-too costly but necessary service.

Bob Hagin writes for Pacheco Automotive News Service in Concord. Write to him c/o Hills Newspapers, PO Box 5088, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Bob regrets he cannot answer all his mail.

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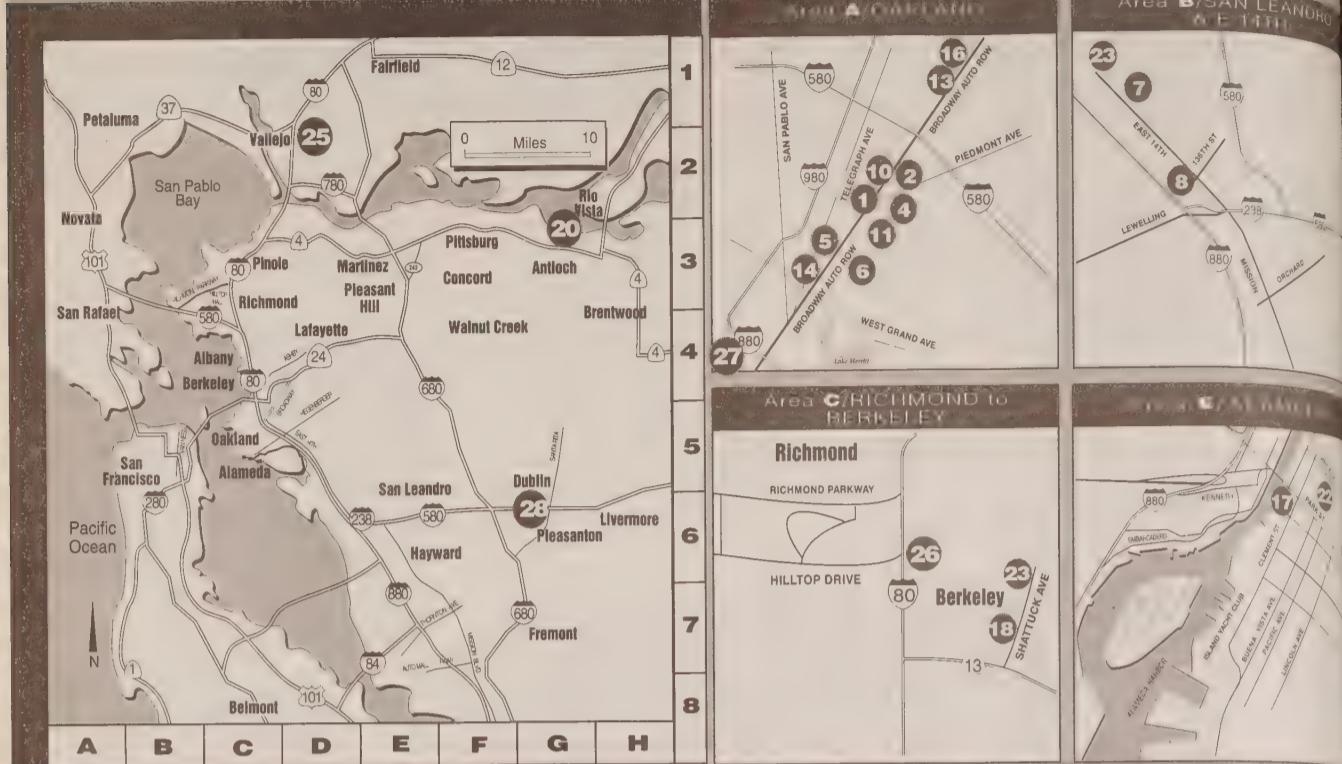
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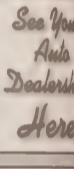
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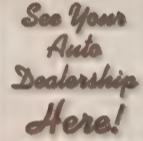
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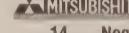
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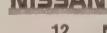
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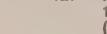
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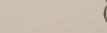
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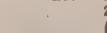
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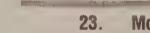
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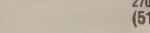
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4 yrs. Mon-thurs. 1-6pm

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NANNY/Mother's Helper. In Mill Valley, needs exp'd. nanny for our 5 mos. old boy with special needs. Duties include: child care, cleaning, laundry, errands, etc. Computer savvy. Call Greg, 925-417-7647, or e-mail: brandi@home.com

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